North Reported

To Give Secrets

By David Hoffman

and Bob Woodward

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Lieutenant
Colonel Oliver L. North, the former National Security Council
staff aide who was dismissed in the

Iran arms affair, provided Iran

with top-secret intelligence infor-

mation that was not supposed in be

shared with foreigners, according

to messages retrieved from the Na-

tional Security Council computer

President Ronald Reagan autho-

rized limited sharing of intelligence

with Iran when he secretly approved selling arms to Tehran on Jan. 17, 1986. But two sources said

the evidence in the computer messages discloses that Colonel North

passed data from secret and top-

secret intelligence that was designated "NOFORN," meaning it was

not to be seen by any foreign na-

As a security council staff side, Colonel North had access to some

of the most sensitive intelligence on the Iran-Iraq war, and one source

said investigators have discovered

mation would have aided Iran in its

dexter, to give the intelligence data

The Central Intelligence Agency

are reluctant to share classified in-

formation abroad unless an ex-

foreign intelligence service. Such

exchanges are closely monitored

system, sources have said.

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'G-5 Pact On Dollar Expected

But Disputes Over Policy May Limit Its Scope

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS — This weekend's meet-ing of the West's seven leading industrial nations — intended to lim-it the erratic currency swings that have disrupted international trade - may founder on the participants' often-divergent ideas of how in achieve stable economic growth, sources close to the negotiations said Friday.

European monetary sources in-dicated that the so-called Group of Five, which is to meet Saturday, has already reached agreement in principle on measures to stabilize foreign exchange rates and reaffirm bicommitments to boost global eco-

The Group of Five consists of the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan and France. The Group of Seven, which includes those countries as well as Italy and

Canada, is to meet Sunday.

The G-5 nations have been trying to arrange a meeting since the dollar embarked on its latest decline in January. They have wanted to be sure they could reach some accord, however vague, before meeting to avoid conveying an im-pression of disarray to the financial markets, which could lead to renewed declines of the dollar.

"I wouldn't say it's all concluda ed," one meeting participant said, "but we have a pretty good idea of how it will come out.

In New York and European trading, foreign exchange dealers reacted cautiously to news of the meeting, pushing the dollar down

However, the meeting is also likely to highlight the conflicting approaches to economic growth in. he United States, Japan and West Germany, sources said, as well as Japanese and West German irritation with Treasury Secretary James A. Baker 3d's "talking down" of

Private economists said Friday that it would be in the self-interest of West Germany and Japan, the major trade-surplus countries, to earl near to boost their demestic act now to boost their domestic demand and help counteract what is seen as a markedly weaker eco-

nomie trend in the industrial world. "In the absence of any move by either country, the dollar's value could fall to 1.50 Deutsche marks and 120 to 130 yen," one official said, "and that would hurt much more than taking action today."

But, he added, the single most important step by any of the lead-ing powers would be "credible action" to cut the huge U.S. hudget deficit

West Germany's economy registered zero growth in the fourth quarter of 1986, while Japan's is teetering on the brink of recession because of a sharp fall in exports.

The governor of the Bank of Japan, Satoshi Sumita, Friday showed some of his nation's frustration with repeated U.S. demands that Japan stimulate its domestic economy as a means of raising import volume, thus helping reduce the huge U.S. trade deficit.

Mr. Sumita said that Japanese credit policy is now "very close to the limit" of its effectiveness after the half-point reduction in its disday. The move leaves the Japanese

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LATE NEWS

France Extends

PARIS (Renters) - France

announced Friday that it was extending indefinitely visa re-

quirements for all foreign visi-

tors except citizens of European

Community nations and Swit-

The requirements were intro-

duced for six months in Sep-

tember after terrorist bombings

in Paris killed 11 persons and

France, Joe Rodgers, who dis-

cussed the visa issue with Prime

Minister Jacques Chirac of

France on Thursday, said that

the United States soon would

impose stricter visa measures

WASHINGTON (UPI) -

Drug Tests Urged

The U.S. ambassador to

injured more than 160.

for French visitors.

zerland.

Visa Measure



A LULL IN THE BEIRUT FIGHTING - Some Beirut residents emerged from a shelter to take advantage of a bull in the fighting on Friday. Syria said that it might send troops to West Beirut to restore a cease-fire among the warring militia factions. Page 2.

U.S., EC to Act on Japan Trade

By Stuart Auerbach Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The French trade minister, Michel Noir, said

Friday that the Reagan administration had agreed to join Western European countries in taking action against Japanese trade practices in specific cases, beginning with wine and liquor.

U.S. trade officials acknowledged that they are cooperating with the 12-nation European Community in Folking Japan's traiffe

munity in fighting Japan's tariffs, which are 220 percent on whisky and 50 percent on quality wines. Mr. Noir, who was visiting

By E.J. Dionne Jr.

announced that he will not be a

candidate for the Democratic pres-

idential nomination, drastically al-

tering the outlook for the 1988 race.

sultants said the governor's with-

tential Democratic candidates with

double-digit support: Gary Hart, the former Colorado senator who

made a surprisingly strong bid for

did not speak of the development

in terms of his own candidacy. "As a distinguished governor

1984, and Mr. Cuomo.

handful of backers.

ideological stance.

Democratic politicians and con-

luomo Stuns Backers

Washington for talks on trade mat-ters, called that issue "the easiest example of concerted action," and added. The situation is truly un-

The standard way of settling international trade disputes is to ask the Geneva-based General Agree-ment on Tariffs and Trade, which governs most world trade, to ap-point a neutral panel to settle dif-

But Mr. Noir said such a route would be too slow. "We want immediate short-term actions," he

The United States in the past has that in at least two instances Coloopposed European efforts to pel North provided classified informount a broad-based offensive mation during meetings with Iraniagainst Japan, which it calls "rhearm in the arms deal. torically ganging up.

It is unclear precisely what type of intelligence he provided, al-though one source said the infor-But it appears more willing now to cooperate with the EC in areas where they both have complaints.

war with Iraq. The Reagan administration, for instance, refused to go along with EC attempts to include a clause "Ollie was running his own covert operation within the authorized covert operation," a source said, adding that it was not yet clear to investigators whether Colonel North had approval from the ecifically aimed at Japan in the final declaration of a ministeriallevel meeting last September. That meeting in Punta del Este. Urunational security adviser at the time, Vice Admiral John M. Poin-

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State Dept. Said to Thwart '85 Plan to Invade Libya for a direct military confrontation, By Bob Woodward

and Don Oberdorfer

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The State Department took extraordinary steps in the summer of 1985, including summoning the U.S. ambassador to Egypt home on a secret weekend mission, to head off a White House-sponsored plan for a change has been worked out with a J.S.-Egyptian military attack on Libya, according to sources.

As in the case of its Iran policy, the U.S. government was bitterly divided, with leaders of the State It could not be learned when and Defense departments trying to block what they believed were risky and unrealistic White House and The computer messages that dis-Central Intelligence Agency initiatives aimed at winning a quick vic-tory over the Libyan leader. Colo-

nel Moammar Gadhali. Ambassador Nicholas A. Veliotes, who was told to let no one know of his presence in Washington, was informed that Secretary of State George P. Shultz was unafterably opposed to the plan calling for an Egyptian invasion of Libya. Mr. Shultz is said in have considered

tem at the National Security Counthe plan "crazy." cil, which allowed aides to send messages to each other. The infor-Libya has been an urgent concern in the White House throughmation was not available to the out the Reagan administration. earlier investigation by the Senate President Ronald Reagan's ini-Select Committee on Intelligence. tial meeting with his National Se-A key legal question raised by curity Council on his first full day the messages is whether Colonel North believed he had anthorizain office, Jan. 21, 1981, focused on Libya and Iran. In mid-1985, emboldened by Mr. Reagan's over-

tion from his superiors to pass the intelligence to Iran. whelming re-election and frustrat-If he was acting entirely on his own, Colonel North may have vioed by four years of indecisive struggle against Colonel Gadhafi lated federal espionage laws, a legal through covert actions and unconexpert said. Military personnel vencional means, senior figures in See NORTH, Page 5 the White House and CIA called

Three or four cartons of mes-

according to sources.

The 17-day televised ordeal of

Trans World Airlines Flight 847 in June 1485 precipitated a shift policies toward both Lihya and Iran. for the president."

The killacking dramatized U.S. vulnerability to terrorism in the Mid- now focused on mid-November. dle East and sed White House de- when news of the Iran arms sale termination to take strong action.

lran's influence in the freeing of the TWA passengers and crew members from terrorists in Lebanon suggested that an opening to Tehran could help free the remaining U.S. hostages held hy pro-Ira-

nian groups in Lebanon.

The thinking about Libya went in the other direction: Although there was no direct connection between Libya and the TWA hijacking, top officials at the National Security Council and the CIA became determined to get tough with

The drive by senior National Security Council staff officials at this by the Israelis in August 1985. juncture "was in embrace the ayainliah and demolish Gadhafi," said an administration official who was involved in the policy-making, in referring in Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader.

"It was not particularly rational," the official said, "but 847 had exposed the absence of both a real anti-terrorist capability and policy toward the states supporting ter-

A mid-July 1985, a paper written by Robert M. Gates, then head of intelligence analysis for the CIA and now Mr. Reagan's nominee to be its director, reported that a U.S.-Egyptian operation against Lihya would present an opportunity "in

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For Covering Up Reagan's Role

McFarlane Said to Tell of Plan





President Ronalo Reagan, top, Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, left, a former national security adviser, and his predecessor, Robert C. McFariane, above.

Panel Given Document on Iran Denial

By Steven V. Roberts
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Robert C. McFarlane, the former national security adviser, told a presidential review board in his hospital room that he had taken part in an effort by White House aides to hide President Ronald Reagan's role in the initiation of the Iran arms sales, according to a source familiar with the board's investigation.

The effort to cover up the president's role included one critical document, a memorandum written by Mr. McFarlane on the night of Nov. 18 at the request of Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, his successor as national security adviser, That document, now in the hands of the review board, lays out a way in which Mr. Reagan could plausibly deny that he gave prior approval to the initial Iran arms sale, the source said.

The point of the document, the source said, "was to permit the president to say no, he didn't give a formal authorization," But Mr. McFarlane knew when he wrote the memorandum that the president had privately and informally endorsed the project before any arms were sold to Iran, the source

[A White House spokesman de-clared Friday that "there is no cov-er-up" of Mr. Reagan's role in the lran arms affair, but the spokesman would not comment on actions that former and present administration officials may have taken in obscure Mr. Reagan's part in the affair. The Associated Press reported from Washington. ["As far as the president's con-

cerned, there is no cover-up," said Marlin Fitzwater, the spokesman, 'He certainly wasn't aware of any. Now, what these gentlemen did, in terms of their advice to the president, I don't have any idea. I speak

was emerging and White House aides were frantically trying in prepare the president for a news cooference on Nov. 19, the source said.

"There was a kind of panic," the source said. "The general atmo-sphere was. 'Save the president.' Operationally, the plan was to keep this thing aloft by keeping the president at some distance.

The McFarlane testimony, giveo Thursday night, contradicts the as-sertions of Donald T. Regan, the White House chief of staff. Mr. Regar has said that the president gave approval only after the first shipment of arms in Iran was made

The session with Mr. McFarlane, who has been hospitalized since a suicide attempt this month, came as a White House official suggested that the president might have altered his account of the Iran affair between two recent appearances before the board, headed by a former Republican senator. John G. Tower of Texas.

Asked if the president had al-tered some details of his accounts, the aide said: "It wouldn't be surprising that someooe sitting in that meeting would come to that coo-

The Los Angeles Times and other newspapers reported Thursday that in his first appearance before the Tower panel, Mr. Reagan admitted giving prior approval in the first shipment of arms in Iran by the Israelis. But by his second session, reportedly following Mr. Regan's advice, the president had backed away from that story and denied giving his endorsement, the reports said.
The president liked it, he was

foursquare for it from the beginning," the source said of the arms shipments.
The question of what the presi-

dent did about the arms sales and when he did it has become one of the critical issues in the Iran affair. The question is important in part

for legal reasons. Allegations have been made that the initial transactions might have violated various laws controlling the export of American arms.

"The legal arguments can be made either way," a White House aide said.

The president's precise role could raise questions about the credibility of important administration officials, particularly Mr. Regan, who has been under intense pressure in leave his job,

Mr. McFarlane has been hospitalized since his suicide attempt on Feb. 9.

He has contended in closed appearances before congressional committees - and testified again on Thursday — that the president first indicated his approval of the Iran arms sale in July 1985, when Mr. Reagan was still in the hospital, recovering from an operation. See CONCEAL, Page 5

and controlled hy experienced intelligence officers. Colonel North passed the intelligence to Iran, which one source said he did "under the table." closed Colonel North's action were recently turned over to the review board headed by former Senator John G. Tower, which is investigating National Security Agency pro-cedures in the Iran-contra affair, in which the sale of arms to Iran helped support the Nicaraguan rebels, known as contras. sages came from the computer sys-

and leading conscience of the Democratic Party," he said, "Governor Cuomo will continue to contribute to the debate over this nation's fu-"All members of our party will

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Governor Mario M, Cuomo of New York has benefit from his leadership and sense of humanity for a long time to come. I respect what must have been a difficult personal decision for Governor Cuomo."

drawal from consideration as a presidential candidate would cre-Peter D. Hart, a leading Democratic poll taker, said, "There are ate a void in the Democratic field, a an awful lot of people in America measure of Mr. Cuomo's unusual who were dying in work for Mario Cuomo who are looking for a spiripersonal qualities as well as his Before Thursday night's surprise tual heir tonight." announcement there were two po-

He and other analysts suggested that Mr. Cuomo's withdrawal created at least two openings in the race — one for a clearly liberal candidate and one for a candidate who stirs emotions.

the Democratic nomination in "There's an opening for a candi-Now, although the contest has date of the left, and that persoo more than 11 months to go before could be Michael Dukakis," the the first stage in delegate selection poll taker said, referring to the govbegins in Iowa, there is only Mr. ernor of Massachusetts. Mr. Dukakis is said to be moving toward a presidential candidacy and will al-Hart with more than a relative Mr. Hart, in a statement from most certainly be helped by Mr. Colorado, where he was traveling,

Fred Du Val, campaign director for former Governor Bruce Babbitt See CUOMO, Page 5



Mario M. Cuomo

Terror Trial Puts France on the Defensive

By Julian Nundy International Herald Inhune

PARIS — For seven French judges, I P.M. Monday will proba-bly be a turning point in their lives. At that moment, oo the defendant's bench in front of them will be Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, a Lehanese Christian accused of complicity in attacks on U.S. and Israeli dinlomats in France.

At the same time, the names of the judges, hitherto a secret, will be released. When they leave the court at the end of the day, the judges will police escort and will have round- nique. the-clock bodyguards.

The Abdallah trial will be the are freed.

jury trials in terrorist cases. Mr. Abdallah is charged with U.S. military attaché, Lieutenant Abdallah's release. Colonel Charles R. Ray, and of an Israeli diplomat, Yazcov Barsi-

He faces a similar charge for the

attempted assassination of Robert by 1,000 riot policemen and gen- zine refused to explain how the Homme, the U.S. consul general in darmes from the provinces. They Police officials say that two

Strasbourg, in eastern France, in have been stationed at major de 1984. The maximum sentence on partment stores and other crowded ed States as "the Yankee criminal, each charge is life imprisonment. points such as railroad stations. Mr. Abdallah is already serving a threats of violence received on Feb. four-year sentence for the illegal Il are being taken seriously. One possession of arms, criminal associtatat the trial is purely political, was made against the judges by anon and carrying false papers, security sources said there were

This is a landmark case. It will show how far we're prepared to stick it to terrorists.'

travel in armor-plated cars under Direct Action in a 26-page commu- That decision was handed down in

The other, delivered in Beirut, This new routine may last for was from the Armenian Secret U.S. Embassy in Paris served a writ months or even years because the Army for the Liberation of Arme- as a civil plaintiff, complaining that French urban guerrilla group Dinis, promising a renewal of bomb the Lyon verdict was too lenient. rect Action has threatened to kill attacks unless Mr. Abdallah and Jacques Vergès, Mr. Abdallah's two other Middle Eastern prisoners lawyer and a well-known defender

first to be conducted under a new Apart from anxiety about the law passed by parliament in De-judges' security, the police fear a attention on U.S. and Israeli accember. The law provides for oo- repetition of bombings in which 11 persons were killed in Paris in September. Those attacks were prepared for his trial, accuses claimed by a group demanding Mr. "blond Westerners with blue eyes" complicity in the 1982 murders of a claimed by a group demanding Mr.

French police officials said this week that the regular force of 2,500 policemen trained in deal with vio- latest issue that it had obtained the lence in Paris has been reinforced statement on Tuesday. The maga-

Lyon in July.

Mr. Abdallah, in a statement

The new trial was called after the

Jacques Vergès, Mr. Abdallah's of unpopular causes, said that his client's strategy would be to focus nous in the Middle East.

of aggression against Lebanon, a French magazine reported Friday. Le Nouvel Observateur said in its

the executioner of all the disinherited of the earth." Although Mr. Verges maintains

"good concrete elements," such as the fact that the Czechoslovak 7.65mm pistol used in the 1982 killings was found in a hideout used by Mr. Abdallah. After the bombing wave in Paris in September, the investigation focused on two hrothers of Mr. Ab-

document had been transmitted.

The statement attacked the Unit-

their home village of Kahbayat, in northern Lebanon, asserting that they had not been in Paris at the time of the bombings. Security sources have said that investigators have concluded that

dallah, Robert and Maurice, Both

quickly called oews conferences in

the brothers were oot directly involved in the attacks. The bombings stopped once the

brothers were sighted in northern Lebanon. Some French newspapers went to great lengths to prove that Maurice Abdallah could have placed the last bomb, rushed to Orly Airport, taken a scheduled

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gress on Friday to order man-datory drug and alcohol testing for airplane pilots, railroad en-gineers and other key transporshe supported legislation to re-

Transportation Secretary Élizabeth Hanford Dole asked Contation workers. Mrs. Dole said quire random testing and rehabilitation programs.



A record £62,700 (\$95,842) for a drawing by John Constable was paid for a view of East Bergholt church (detail above). Souren Melikian reports on the sale of Sir John Witt's collection at Sotheby's in London. Page 8.

GENERAL NEWS Researchers have located a gene that may be the cause of Alz-Mikhail S. Gorbachev said that experiments in democratic elections would be conducted this year. BUSINESS/FINANCE Brazil will suspend interest payments on its \$66 billion debt to foreign banks, President José Sarney said.

The Eurotumnel consortium named a new British co-chairman as it

struggled in restore investor confidence.

Gorbachev Plans Tests Of Electoral **Proposals**

By Bill Keller New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Mikhail S. Gorbschev says that experiments will be conducted this year in what he called democratic elections in Communist Party cells, local government bodies and factory man-

In a televised speech on Thursday in Riga, the Latvian capital, he said that, based on the outcome of the experiments, be expected changes in national legislative elections next year.

In the past, these and other elections have involved a single slate of designated candidates.

Mr. Gorbachev called last month in a Central Committee meeting for the consideration of multiple candidacies in local elections. But the meeting adopted a vague resolution that did oot specifically endorse his

proposals. In the Riga speech, Mr. Gorbachev took note of the resistance. "Whoever has not yet under-stood could find himself in a diffi-

cult position," he said.
The weekly Moscow News said Thursday that, at a briefing of Soviet news executives on Feb. 13. Mr. Gorbachev had called the Central Committee meeting on Jan. 27 and 28 a critical test for his policies.

According to Yegor Yakovlev, the editor of Moscow News, who attended the press briefing, Mr. Gorbachev said of the Central Committee session:

reconstruction is not justified and should be rejected, I would have said: 'I cannot work otherwise.'

It was not clear from the report whether Mr. Gorbachev had considered rejection a realistic possibility or whether he meant he would have stepped down.

At the session with journalists, it was also disclosed, according to Mr. Yakovlev, that the Central Committee meeting had been postponed three times, indicating a lack

Mr. Gorbachev said in Riga that he bad discussed the idea of multiple candidacies with Latvian leaders and suggested that they be test-ed on a broad basis, "perhaps in the entire republic."

"People have to learn to work under conditions of democracy," he said.

In party elections, he has proposed that party cells and other lower-level organizations chose their leaders from among competing candidates.

Begun Freed, Is Reunited lower-level organizations chose

In legislative elections at various levels, he has proposed open discussion of multiple candidates. He has also proposed that workers elect factory managers, who oow are appointed by the government. In Riga, Mr. Gorbachev said

that emigres were trying to stir up separatist sentiments in the region. Economie progress, he said, "disproves the malicious and slanderous inventions by reactionary émigré circles and by their Western

The three Baltic republics Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia were part of Czarist Russia before World War I, then gained independence, and were incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940. that Mr. Begoo was in "fair health." She said she had no other

Mr. Gorbachev's proposals for multicandidate elections could be details. expected to meet greater favor in the Baltic republics, where there is Begun's family, had demonstrated still a simmering resentment of in Moscow for five days last week Russian rule and a stronger inclina-tion toward the West than in other manhandled by Soviet security parts of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Gorbachev's electoral proposals, while a radical departure maturely announced on Sunday by from current practice, do oot a Soviet official, leading to several amount to anything resembling days of confusion. Western multiparty democracy.

■ Warning of Hard Times Mr. Gorbachev warned that

hard times are ahead as the Kremlin nursues its reform drive, particularly for people who fail to understand new conditions created by moves toward greater democracy, Reuters reported from Moscow. Speaking in Tallinn, the Esto-nian capital, Mr. Gorbachev said

on Thursday that the ruling Politburo and government agreed with him that there was no alternative to the reforms.

"I believe deeply in what we have begun, I believe deeply," Mr. Gor-

"Realistically evaluating the sit-uation," be said, "the most difficult The article, in the magazine Ogonyok, was the most graphic of time for us will be this year and the following two. We must underrecent reports of police brutality stand this well." and courtroom injustice that appear to be part of a campaign for

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The Fall of a Hotel: One More Step in Beirut's Demise

By John Kifner
New York Times Service

AMMAN, Jordan - The parrot by the bar imitated the whistle of incoming shells. Fat Tommy, the buge, surly cat, slept wedged between the Reuters and Associated Press news tickers in the lob-by, and the telephones and telexes usually worked.

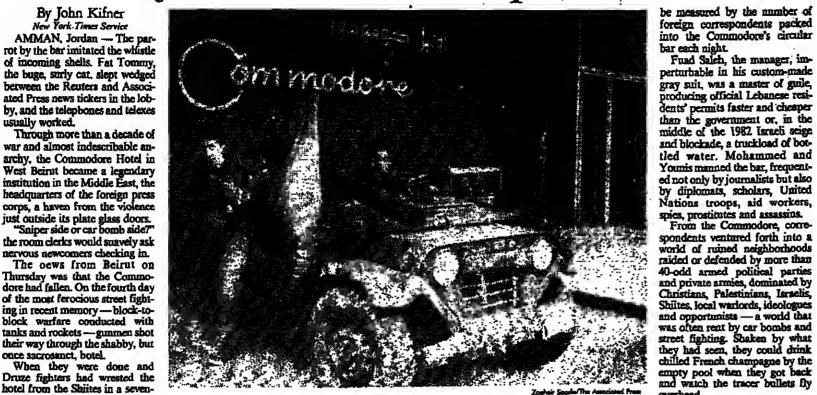
Through more than a decade of war and almost indescribable anarchy, the Commodore Hotel in West Beirut became a legendary institution in the Middle East, the headquarters of the foreign press corps, a haven from the violence just outside its plate glass doors.
"Sniper side or car bomb aide?"

nervous newcomers checking in. The oews from Beirut on Thursday was that the Commodore had fallen. On the fourth day of the most ferocious street lighting in recent memory - block-toblock warfare conducted with tanks and rockets -gunmen shot

their way through the shabby, but

once sacrosanct, botel. When they were done and Druze fighters had wrested the hotel from the Shiites in a sevenhour battle, according to reports from Beirut, pools of blood were splattered in the lobby, the last 13 employees had fled and the looters moved in to carry off the food, drink, plates, televisions, towels

and sheets. For the correspondents who served in that strangely seductive capital, where death and destruction have been a way of life for more than a decade, it was a sad



Victorious Druze fighters after capturing the Commodore Hotel.

niece of news: a confirmation that an era had ended. In the Commodore annex across the street, where several news organizations keep offices manned by Lebanese employees, the AP telex came alive late Thursday afternoon

was pulled out of Beirut after his chief, Terry A. Anderson, was kidnapped by Shiite Moslem militants there two years ago. "Please onpass to Fuad, Mohammed, Younis, et al."

The Commodore had fallen on

the agency's correspondent in hard times lately as life in Beirut New Delhi, Gerry LaBelle, who disintegrated to the point where armed bands of thugs roamed the streets looking for foreigners to abduct and sell. The huge press as Shiite fundamentalists bombed corps has shrunk to two or three foreign journalists.

of events in the Middle East could

nearby bars and bingo parlors. Thirty journalists dove to the floor in a heap. But for years, the ebb and flow

overhead.

"Oh," someone said, "It's going to be one of those kind of nights."

One evening, after the U.S. Embassy had been blown up for

the second time by a suicide truck

bomber, the windows around the

bar suddenly shook and dissolved

From the Commodore, corre-

"If the meeting had convened at the conclusion that reconstruction is not justified and Syria Says It Might Send Force to Stop Beirut Battle

BEIRUT - Syria said Friday that it might send troops into Beirut to restore a cease-fire it mediated between Shiite Moslem and leftist militiamen fighting for control of the Lebanese capital's Moslem

A spokesman for Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam of Syria said Prime Minister Rashid Karami of Lebanon and the speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Hussein Husseini requested Syrian inter-vention to end the fighting. About 200 people have been killed and 400 wounded in six days of battles, according to the police.

[A Beirut radio station controlled by the Amal Shiite Moslem militia said a brigade of Syrian

MOSCOW - Josef Z. Begun, a

lewish dissident, was released on

Friday from Chistopol prison, where he was reunited with his wife

and son, relatives in Moscow said.

Yana Begun, the wife of Begun's son, Boris, said she received a call

from the prison announcing the re-

lease. She said her husband and his

She said she was told by her

busband and mother-in-law, Inna.

Soviet dissidents, including Mr.

The dissident's release was pre-

Mr. Begun, a 55-year-old He-brew teacher, was sentenced in

1983 to seven years in prison for

anti-Soviet activity. He was par-

Soviet Magazine

Details Cases of

Police Brutality

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — The police in a city in northern Russia tortured

tion to extract false confessions, a

Soviet magazine reported this

Ogonyok said that five officials

and another was given a suspended

A factory worker, according to

the report, was kicked so severely

that doctors had to remove his rup-

tured spleen. The man ultimately

confessed to stealing two automo-

bile tires, but, according to Ogon-

yok, the police insisted that he ad-

mit other thefts be bad oot

A metalworker described how

the police had repeatedly held a gas mask over his face until he lost

consciousness. The article said a

third man was beaten over the head

with a four-pound (1.8 kilogram) iron ball until his skull was cut

city in northern Russia tortured toward the development of a oucle-suspects by beating and suffoca- ar bomb, in spite of pledges that it

parents planned to return to Mos-

cow from Chistopol on Sunday.

tal's Moslem sector, Renters reported from Beirut. Political sources said the troops numbered 4,000, Official confirmation was not available.

tween Amal militiamen and an alliance of the Druze Progressive Socialist Party and the Communist Party in West Beirut, despite the cease-fire that began Wednesday.

gether at his office the Druze leader, Walid Jumbiat, and Nabih Berhead of the dominant Shiite Amal movement. It was their first meeting since

With Family at Prison

Fighting continued Friday be-

Mr. Khaddam also brought to-

fighting for control of West Beirut started Sunday.

doned on Toesday by the Supreme

Inna and Boris Begun went to

Chistopol, 500 miles (800 kilome-

ters) east of Moscow, after being

told by the Interior Ministry that

Mr. Begun would be released some-

Mr. Begun's family said other

freed dissidents have told them that

Mr. Begun was the last prisoner held in Chistopol for alleged anti-Soviet activity. At least 150 disti-

dents have been released in the past

Another dissident, Dr. Anatoli

Koryagin, 48, a psychiatrist who was jailed after saying the Soviet

government had sent same dissi-

dents to mental hospitals, returned

home Thursday after spending five

In Amsterdam, a Dutch pro-dis-

sident lobbying group quoted Dr. Koryagin as saying on Friday that

he will not emigrate from the Soviet

Union until his imprisoned son is

also freed. His son Ivan is serving a

three-year sentence in a labor camp, according to the Dutch

By Steven R. Weisman

ficials have begun expressing new concern that Pakistan is moving

A U.S. official said Thursday

that the Reagan administration

had become especially worried

about Pakistan's actions as Con-

gress moved to consider renewal of

American aid. Previous assistance

to Pakistan approved by Congress has been contingent on certifica-tion by the United States that Paki-

stan does not have a miclear explo-

President Ronald Reagan last

certified that this was the case in

An unusually tough speech on Monday by Deane R. Hinton, the

U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, was

seen in both India and Pakistan as

an especially strong warning that if

Pakistan was perceived as moving toward a modear capability, Con-

gress might reject the administra-

Mr. Hinton said that "develop-

ments in Pakistan's nuclear pro-

gram" were "inconsistent with a

Institute of Strategic Studies in Islamabad, Mr. Hinton added that

indications that Pakistan may be

seeking a weapons capability gen-

He did not give details of these "developments" or "indications,"

but U.S. officials are known to be

ions and uncertainty.

In the speech at the Pakistan

tion's request for assistance.

purely peaceful program."

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sive device.

October.

New York Times Service NEW DELHI — Senior U.S. of-

years in a labor camp.

time on Friday afternoon.

Soviet, the nominal parliament.

ty. Mr. Kansou said Syria has "pre-pared its troops to intervene in Bei-

Syria sent about 500 soldiers to West Beirut in the summer to help the Lebanese Army restore security. But that plan ranco we cannot ter.
the militiamen, who are pro-Syrian ter.
"I beg you to have mercy on our "I beg you to have mercy on our Christians in Lebanon's 12-yearold civil war.

The police said Syrian commandos, Lebanese soldiers and police-men manned 13 checkpoints in some of the embattled districts of West Beirut in an effort to disengage the combatants under the cease-fire agreement.

The fire department said in a

Kansou, leader of the Lebanese statement that its vehicles were un-chapter of Syria's ruling Baath Par-able to leave their headquarters be-killed Friday while dismantling a cause of snipers. Thousands of people remained

trapped in basements in West Beirut for a sixth day. Women appealed in telephone calls to radio stations for a cease-fire, saying they were running out of food and wa-

children who haven't seen smlight for six days. We have been living in the dark and cold basements for a week," a mother told the Voice of man said. the Nation.

French Officer Killed

A United Nations spokesman said a French bomb disposal offi-cer serving with UN peacekeeping Lebanon.

roadside bomb, Reuters reported from Tel Aviv.

The spokesman said the bomb was planted on a road used both by the UN Interim Force in Lebanon or UNIFIL, and by the Israelibacked South Lebanon Army. The bomb went off near the village of Stibbine, northwest of Bint Jbail.

We have strong reasons to believe" the bomb was aimed at the South Lebanon Army, the spokes-

The officer was the 23d Frenchman to be killed and the 142d UNI-FIL fatality since the force was established in 1978 after the first of three Israeli invasions of southern

Harare to End Whites' Seats

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Zimbabwe will enact legislation this year to abolish 20 parliamentary seats reserved for the country's white minority, Information Minis-

The legislation, he said, would exclude a party led by former Prime Minister Ian Smith, the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe, from participating in political af-fairs, The Herald newspaper re-

quires 70 votes in the 100-member egislature. Fifteen of the seats are held by Mr. Smith's party. Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's

sovernment is virtually assured of the necessary votes.

tiamentary seats and its ally, the Zimbabwe African People's Union,

remarks made Feb. 10 by Mr. Smith in Johannesburg, in which he urged South Africans to unite and thwart economic sanctions against

vice" to South Africa, the official said, "is the height of disloyalty

"I want to put it quite clearly

an interviewer that black Zimbabweens were illiterate and should not be allowed to vote, he was censured by the legislature.

He apologized after several officials of the governing party called for his detention or execution. The government has blamed Mr.

minished in December 1985, when Smith, who led Rhodesia for 14 years, for killing more than 20,000 blacks during the guerrilla war that led to independence from Britain in 1980 and nationhood for Zimba-

In Assembly

ter Nathan Shamuyarira said in re-marks published Friday.

ported. Under Zimbabwe's Britishdrafted constitution, the government is required to reserve the 20

seats for whites until 1987.
Abolishing the reserved seats re-

His party, the Zimbabwe Afri-can National Union, holds 63 par-

Mr. Shamuyarira also referred to

concerned about reports that Paki-stan's program for enriching urani-um may exceed modear power situation if Pakistan clearly had detheir country. Mr. Smith's "activities and ad-

and disrespect for the government and people of Zimbabwe."

that the new political order in Zimbabwe has no place for the views of Isn Smith," he said. Last year, after Mr. Smith told

Homosexuals in Dutch Military Permitted to Form Group

POPE MEETS AGCA'S MOTHER — Pope John Paul II met Muzeyyen Agca, mother of Mehmet Ali

Agea, the Turk who tried to kill him in 1981. The pope

termed the meeting Friday "very moving." She asked

him to forgive her son. "I have already done so," he said.

veloped a bomb.

package for Pakistan.

Mr. Hinton and other U.S. am-

bassadors in southern Asia are to meet with top State Department officials in Washington next week

to discuss regional topics, including

nuclear proliferation. In addition,

Congress begins bearings next

week on a new six-year \$4.02 bil-

lion economic and military-aid

The United States is concerned

about nuclear tensions between In-

dia and Pakistan, especially be-

cause of reports that India was pre-

pared to bomb Pakistan's nuclear

Prime Minister Rairy Gandhi of

India and President Mohammed

Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan exchanged

pledges that neither country would attack the other's ouclear facilities.

Tensions about such reports di-

research plant near Islamabad.

THE HAGUE - Homosexuals are setting up their own organization in the Dutch armed forces with Defense Ministry approval.

New U.S. Warning on Pakistan Bomb

um may exceed nuclear power

In addition, U.S. officials have

cited news reports that Pakistan

has tried to import sophisticated electronic switching equipment

that could be used to make a bomb.

was Mr. Hinton's appeal for Paki-stan to sign the Nuclear Nonprolif-

eration Treaty. In response, Paki-

stan again rejected the proposal,

reiterating that it could not sign the

1968 treaty unless India also agreed

India, which exploded a nuclear

device in 1974, has refused, saying

the treaty does oot apply to the big

ouclear weapons countries. Under

the treaty, nations oot possessing

nuclear weapons pledge not to make or receive nuclear explosives.

India continues to maintain that

although it exploded the nuclear

device, it is not now making nucle-

to do so.

The centerpiece of the speech

Two majors, an infantry captain and a noncommissioned officer are organizing a group called Homosexuality and the Armed Forces to promote the interests of male and female homosexuals in the military.

the armed forces reflect civilian so- two majors and gave the names and ciety, the Dutch military has not addresses of the main organizers. rejected conscripts on the grounds of homosexuality. The main Dutch homosexual organization estimates there are half a million to a million homosexuals in a population of 14.5 million people.

The effort to set up the group

A Defense Ministry spokesman said there would be "no problem" was reported by the ministry news-Since 1974, as part of a drive to per carried an article about the brochures given to new conscripts.

ensure that the 71,400 members of group, printed a photograph of the The group will be set up as a foundation, which means it will be registered and recognized by law.

> agreeing to the organization's re-quest that information about hoistrator, proposed in January to de-

WORLD BRIEFS

Chinese Journal Editor Is Suspended

BEIJING (Reuters) - The editor-in-chief of a popular Chinese liter-

ary journal has been suspended for publishing a novel that insulted in Tibetan people, the news agency Xinhua said Friday.

It said Liu Xinwu, editor in chief of People's Literature and a well-known author, had also been told to make a self-criticism for publishing known author, had also been told to make a self-criticism for publishing the novel in the first two issues of the magazine this year. The novel-neep sensational language to distort the social customs and image of the Tibetan people and only serves to reveal the author's describble camai

desires and indulgence in money-seeking," it said.

The magazine's editorial board has been ordered to make a public self. criticism, the agency said. The novel is a product of "bourgeois liberal-ism" and other unhealthy tendencies, it added. "Bourgeois liberalism" is a phrase used to attack Western political ideas, which are blamed for causing nationwide student protest in December.

Chad Reports Downing Libyan Jet

NDJAMENA, Chad (Reuters) — Government forces shot down a
Libyan Air Force fighter jet, a Soviet-made MiG, over the northwestern
casis of Zouar on Thursday, a Chadian military statement said Friday.

Government forces also said they had killed 81 Libyan Soldiers the week in encounters in the Zouar region, about 625 miles (1,000 kilome-ters) north of Ndjamena, the Chadian capital.

France will send 200 troops to Chad to reinforce its contingent of 2,400

Shamir Assails Role for Soviet in Talks

soldiers there, defense sources in Paris said Friday.

WASHINGTON (AF) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel says he would oppose a Soviet role in Middle East peace talks, even if Miscow resumed diplomatic relations with Israel. The two nations broke relations

"Their aim is not to bring peace there," Mr. Shamir said Thursday in an interview and in a speech to the National Press Club. He said the Soviet Union would put larged in an "untenable position" of baving to face

President Ronald Reagan and top U.S. officials told the Israeli leader during his meetings with them on Tuesday and Wednesday that an international peace conference, with Soviet participation, could stimulate direct Arab-Israeli talks. Egypt and Jordan strongly support such a

Iran Says Attack Could Cause Fallout

VIENNA (Reuters) - Iran said Friday that it had moved fissionable material to a outlear power plant under construction at Busheir; and warned there was a danger of fallout if the plant were attacked by Iraq. Ali Asghar Soltanich, Iran's representative at the International Atomic Energy Agency, said that the transfer took place this week. He called on the agency to condemn any threats to attack the plant. But Baghdan's representative, Rahim Al-Kital, said Iraq had never threatened to attack the plant, which is 40 miles (about 64 kilometers) from the Iran-Iraq

Meanwhile, Iran and Iraq put into effect their decisions to refrain from air attacks on each other's cities and towns. But diplomats in Bagladae said they doubted the trace would bring about an end to the ground war.

Reagan Aide, at 10, Was in Nazi Group WASHINGTON (AP) - John O. Kochler, appointed Thursday as the White House communications director, has acknowledged that he once was a member of a Nazi youth group in Germany. But he said it was when he was too young to think for humself.

was too young to think for number.

"Yes, I was a member of the boy scouts run by the Nazi Party when I was 10 years old," Mr. Koehler, 56, said Thursday night in response to news reports about his past. "It would be newsworthy if I was 30 years old and was a member of the SS or the Nazi Party. If this is newsworthy what I did at age 10, then it was also newsworthy that I was married to a Jewish

The White House announced Friday that it stood by the appointment.

Mr. Kochler is to succeed Patrick J. Buchanan, who has resigned effective

Papua Envoy Leaves U.S. After Crash

WASHINGTON (AP) - Papua New Guinea has recalled its ambassaaccident in which a man was critically injured, the State Department said

"He will be leaving as soon as travel arrangements can be finalized," said Phyllis Oakley, a department spokeswoman. Mrs. Oakley called the behavior of the ambassador, Kiatro O. Abisinito, and his government "entirely appropriate."

Steve Hagan, 26, an employee of ABC Radio, was critically injured on Feb. 13 when an embassy car driven by Mr. Abianito, 32, struck four vehicles. State Department officials, who said Mr. Abisinito had been under the influence of alcohol, revoked his driver's permit.

Pretoria Warns Transkei Over Raid

JOHANNESBURG (UPI) — Foreign Minister R.F. Botha has warned Transkei against using South African territory to launch attacks against its neighboring black independent homeland Ciskei.

The official residence of Ciskei's president-for-life, Dr. Lennox L. Sche, was attacked Thursday and Ciskeian officials accused former Rhodesian fighters employed by Transkei of carrying out the attack. Transkei has denied any involvement.

One of the raiders was shot and killed before the attackers fied on foot, abandoning vehicles and weapons, the Ciske government spokesman, Headman Somtunzi, said. He said that Dr. Sebe was not injured. Transkei is separated from Ciskei by about 10 miles (16 kilometers) of

South African territory. For the Record

An American convicted by an East Berlin court Thursday for a protest on the Berlin Wall was expelled, a U.S. spokesman said Friday. John Runnings, 69, of Seattle was put on a flight to the United States. [AP] Iran wants Chancellor Helmut Kohi to apologize to the Iranian government for a West German television satire that depicted Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini being showered with women's underwear, Tehran's ambassador to Bonn said on Friday. [AP]

Scientists Urge Congress **Not to Delay Mars Probe**

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Two lead-

ing proponents of exploration of program could provide.

Mars have urged congressional Mr. Sagan and Mr. b committees to reject National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to delay an unmanned ission to the planet.

Carl Sagan, an astronomer from Cornell University, and Bruce Murray, former director of NA-SA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said Thursday that the probe, the Mars Observer, should not be launched in 1992, as recently proposed, but on its originally planned

date, Aug. 13, 1990.

Mr. Sagan and Mr. Murray, in a press conference preceding the plates delaying the voyage by two congressional hearing said that devears, the Soviet Union has moved laying the mission to Mars would indicate that the country's planetary exploration program had become disorganized. This disorganization, they said, is due in part to martian poles, using sensitive tle since the explosion of Challeng-

er last year. The American space program is in real disarray," Mr. Sagan said. The two witnesses testified before the Congressional Space Cau-cus and the Senate Committee on

Commerce, Science and Transpor-Mr. Murray said that Congress had approved financing for the 1990 launching. But he noted that James C. Fletcher, NASA's admin-

space probes occided to be launched than the crippled shattle Mr. Sagan and Mr. Murray pra-

sented some of the 20,000 letters opposing the delay, which they said had been collected by the Planetary Society, a group interested in space exploration. Some congression also have supported the earlies, original launching date. Some planners have suggested

that the original date could be re-spected if the Mars Observer was launched from a Titan rocket, instead of from a space shuttle. While the United States contemup its plans to launch an unmanned

The Mars Observer will orbit the the emphasis put on the space shut- equipment to study the planet's topography, climate and composi-

expedition to Mars from 1994 to

Mr. Sagan said the Mars Observ-er could foster interest in planetary exploration, enhance the reputation of the United States as a leader in space exploration and perhaps set the stage for creation of a habit-

able martian colony. Exploration of Mars, he said. was potentially more valuable to science than trips to the moon. He added that Mars also could be a station for future space exploralay the Mars mission because more tion.

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Researchers Report Clue to Alzheimer's

By Philip J. Hilts
Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Medical re-

searchers have reported several critical findings about Alzheimer's disease that experts believe could help lead to the discovery of its

Io scientific articles published this week, different groups of re-searchers said they have found the location of a gene that causes one form of the disease.

Alzheimer's affects about 2,5 million older Americans and is characterized by degeneration and shrinkage of hrain tissue. The symptoms are progressive memory loss, bizarre behavior, confusion, incontinence, and even violence.

The researchers also reported that they have isolated a genetic substance that causes some of the brain damage that is characteristic of Alzheimer's.

The findings are considered among the most important in the recent history of Alzheimer's research because they significantly narrow the huge genetic field in which scientists have been searching for a trigger of the disease

Experts stressed, however, that it could take some time, possibly years, to find the cause of Alz-heimer's.

In addition, the studies could some day lead to a method to help identify individuals who are likely to get the disease.

The papers were published Thursday in the U.S. journal Science and Wednesday in the British publication Nature. A shorter letter on the subject appeared last week in Lancet, a British medical jour-

The reports were produced by more than three dozen researchers at several institutions including the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University Medical School, Johns Hopkins University, The National Cancer Institute, The National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, the Children's Hospital of Boston, and the Institute of Genetics in Cologne, West Germany.

The information provides the first real, direct route to the cause of the disease," said Dr. James F. Guselia of the Massachusetts General Hospital and an author of two of the papers.

Scientists have been aware for some time that 10 to 70 percent of Alzheimer's cases are probably in-berited. Thus, they have been The markers followed searching for the genetic abnormal-

abnormality has now been located inheriting the disease.

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on the portion of human genetic material called chromosome 21.

Previous studies have also shown that one of the identifying signatures of the disease is a defective protein called amyloid. Amyloids are like clumps of dehris. When they form, the damage they cause to brain cells is characteristic of Alzheimer's.

In another finding reported Thursday, researchers said they isolated the gene that directs the manufacture of the suspect protein. Finding the amyloid gene will allow researchers to study how the amyloid forms, and to determine if it is the major cause of Alzheimer's or just one of its major effects.

The Alzheimer's gene and the amyloid gene are located in roughly the same region of chromosome 21, the researchers have found. This location suggests that it is possible cause of the disease, though this is far from certain.

Amyloids have been found present in victims of Down's syndrome, which causes mental retardation and has symptoms similar to those of Alzheimer's. Previous research has also shown that the gene causing Down's syndrome is also a defect of chromosome 21. If it is true that the production of amyloids is the cause of Alz-heimer's, "we will know it within a year," Dr. Gusella said.

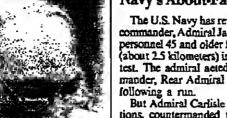
If it is not, the findings reported Thursday will still make it considerably easier to find the gene causing Alzheimer's because the location of it has been narrowed to a length of ten million letters in the human genetic code. The whole set of human geneoc codes is about three billion letters long.

lyses of genetic material from four large families in Canada. Italy. West Germany and the United States in which Alzheimer's had been passed down to at least 145 members over as many as eight

Using a variety of so-called DNA prohes, the researchers looked primarily at the 21st chromosome because of the similarity in symptoms of Alzheimer's and late Down's syndrome.

The researchers analyzed the frequeocy that ahnormalities occurred on this chromosome and two, known as "markers," were found consistently near the middle of the 21st chromosome in those

The markers followed the bereditary pattern of the disease, showing that children of an affected parent The new studies found that the had about a 50 percent chance of



Navy's About-Face: All Hands Must Jog

The U.S. Navy has reversed an order by its Pacific fleet commander, Admiral James A. Lyons Ir., which exempted personnel 45 and older from jogging one and a half miles (about 2.5 kilometers) in 161/2 minutes as part of a fitness test. The admiral acted after his submarine-force commander, Rear Admiral Jack N. Darby, 50, died Jan. 19

But Admiral Carlisle A.H. Trost, chief of naval operations, countermanded the order. A spokesman termed Admiral Lyons's directive "an administrative error, albeit

The Change Wrought by Toll-Free Calls

Toll-free, long-distance telephone calls have revolution-ized telecommunications, marketing, information services and personal dialing habits undreamed of when they were inaugurated 20 years ago. The New York Times reports. The 800 prefix can summon up travel reservations, financial services, consumer goods and army recruiting

information. Four billion toll-free calls, worth \$4 billion in revenues to the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., were answered last year by far-firmg operators at 400,000 numbers in the United States and 15 other countries. This

accounted for one out of every five long-distance calls and

MANILA — President Corazon C. Aquino pre-sented her slave of Senate candidates on Friday for the congressional elections set for May 11. A 24-

member Senate and a 240-member lower House of

The list includes seven cabinet ministers, a wom-

an diplomat, two former university presidents, two

Representatives will be elected in May.

military had no proof that General

On Tuesday, General Fidel V.

Ramos, chief of staff of the armed

forces, denied a U.S. newspaper

report that General Singlanh had

recruited several dozen Americans,

Asians and others who served with

the U.S. Special Forces in Vietnam

to provide coonterinsurgency

training to the Philippine armed

Describing the report as "a lot of

baloney," General Ramos said that

General Singlaub had oo connec-

But some members of the

Aquino government have said they

suspect that his activities are being

approval of influential figures in

Some U.S. officials are con-

cerned that General Singlaub's

the Reagan administration.

us in the future."

forces. So did General Singland.

Singland had broken any law.

AMERICAN TOPICS

one-eighth of long-distance revenues, an A.T. & T. spokes-

man says.

Customers like phoning over great distances at no charge. "Here I am in Hudson, New York, talking to people all over the country at no cost," said Dora Jackowitz. "I always ask where they are, because I love the

Eighty percent of the Spiegel company's consumer mail-order catalogue sales come over the 800 line. Holiday Inn received 19 million 800-line calls last year, accounting for \$1 billion in hotel reservations.

Short Takes

Alcohol purchases among 16- to 20-year-olds declined by balf in the first year after the drinking age in New York state was raised to 21, according to a study released by the state division on alcoholism. A spokesman, saying the trend nanonwide is similar, attributed the decline to the

More than half of all Americans in a poll believe people are less honest now than 10 years ago, according to the survey by U.S. News & World Report magazine and Cahle News Network. Fifty-four percent said people are less honest, 5 percent said they are more honest, 37 percent

saw no change and 4 percent didn't know. Nearly threefourths, the highest proportion since the Watergate scandal of 1973, said they were dissatisfied with present standards of honesty and behavior.

Ex-Muscovite Takes a Wipe at NY Books

With a \$1 million grant from Philip Morris Inc., the New York Public Library will clean 3.5 million books, some of them heavy with 75 years of grime, dust halls and mold. They cover 88 miles of shelves. The New York Times reports that the library has enlisted, not squads of technicians in matching jump suits with oxygen tanks on their backs, but a team of cleaning women headed by Nonna Rinck, a Soviet émigré, using masks, ammonia, paper towels and hand vacuums.

Mrs. Rinck, who is about 50, figures the job will take about five years. She is hiring an unspectfied number of sister emigres to help. She herself was a librarian in Moscow, where the books are "not so dusty." hut "the only books available are the ones officials want you to read." She had a good job and apartment there. So why, 10 years ago, did she leave?

"It's hard to explain," she said. "It is why zoo animals that are safe and well fed and well cared for walk out when the cage door is left open."

-ARTHUR HIGBEE

Singlaub Is Said to Form Philippine Anti-Communist Network

peace with Moslem separatists.

cabinet changes. The election law requires candi-

dates to give up their government positions.

Mrs. Aquino drafted Teolisto Guingona, her

Admiral James A. Lyons

International Herald Tribune
MANILA — Intelligence and other sources here say that John K. Singlaub, the retired U.S. major general with close links to the Reagan administration and counterinsurgency experience in Central America and Vietnam, has set up a network in the Philippines to aid a nationwide anti-Communist move-

General Singlaub has denied the published reports and the U.S. Emhassy in Manila has said that the general has no official authoriza-tion for such activities from Wash-

General Fidel V. Ramos, the The findings were based on ana-armed forces chief of staff, denied vses of genetic material from four reports published in the United States that General Singlaub had recruited agents in the Philippines or had connections with the Philippine military. The government of President

Corazon C. Aquino has put the American general under surveil-lance when he is in the country but has said it has no evidence he had broken any laws. General Singlaob, 64, through the U.S. chapter of the World Anti-

Communist League and associated private bodies, played a key role in tion with the Philippine military and "will have nothing to do with funding the guerrillas lighting the Sandinist government of Nicara-gua after Congress banned U.S. military aid to the rebels in 1984. His activities in the Philippines are being investigated by Mrs. Aquino's government. Defense Secretary Rafael M. Ileio said carried out with the knowledge and

Wednesday that General Singland

was under military surveillance

during his visits.

Moslem leaders, and several buman rights lawyers. Salonga, the commissioner of good government, and Aquilino Pimentel, the national affairs secre-Ten have never ran for election to any post. Political analysts said the Senate candidacies tary, have been mentioned as possible presidential cleared the way for Mrs. Aquino to carry out major

General fleto said that so far the presence in the Philippines will fan Phoenix, Arizona. The league and leftist allegations of U.S. intervention and damage U.S.-Philippine relations. One said he had to assume that General Singlauh was "mucking around with anti-Commmist stuff."

Aquino Chooses Her Candidates for Senate

Intelligence sources in Manila who have been in contact with the general on his visits to the Philippines in recent years say that his business dealings have been devel-oped to provide funds and cover for his organization to give assistance to local civic, religious, political and other groups that say they want to combat communism.

One of General Singlaub's highlevel official contacts is Luis Villar- Star, a company registered in Hong eal, a retired brigadier general who directs the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.

Philippine Acti-Commucist Navy commandos, to try to find League. General Singlaub is head gold and other treasure said to have sin Jr., a close adviser to Mrs. of the U.S. Council for World Freedom, an organization based in Philippines by retreating Japanese fall of Mr. Marcos and spoken to

the council are affiliates of the World Anti-Communist League, which has provided aid to rebel forces trying to overthrow leftist governments in Angola, Mozam-bique, Ethiopia, Cambodia and

Nicaragua. General Singlaub is a former chairman of the world league and currently a member of its board of directors.

In an interview published Thursday in The Manila Chronicle, Mr. Kong.

Government and military sources said the company was us-Mr. Villareal is president of the ing divers, including former U.S.

A senior Philippine government official, who asked not to be identichief negotiator in the unsuccessful peace talks with Communist rebels, and her brother-in-law, fied, said that the U.S. amhassador, Agapito Aquino, who is negotiating a separate Stephen W. Bosworth, acting on White House orders, accompanied Two of the cabinet ministers she selected, Jovito General Singlauh to a meeting last autumn with Finance Secretary

Jaime V. Ongpin. The source said that General Singlauh was seeking a government permit to search for the Japanese treasure. He also wanted security protection or ap-

A presidential aide said he be-lieved that General Singlaub had

been given a permit to hunt for the

treasure by the government of for-mer President Ferdinand E. Mar-

cos before its downfall a year ago.

proval to employ private guards. In an interview on Wednesday: Eva Estrada Kalaw, vice chairman

of the Philippine Anti-Communist League, said that General Singlauh must be organizing an anti-Communist movement here but is keeping it very quiet so the Communists cannot penetrate the structure."
She added, "Everybody knows the treasure hunt is a cover."

General Singlaub confirmed in telephone interview Friday that he is searching for the treasure in Villareal said General Singlaub's the Philippines in what be deoperations in the Philippines were scribed as an effort to help the local secret. He said the general was act- economy. But he denied that he is ing as "chief of staff" for Nippon involved with mercenaries or couoterinsurgency preparations or that be is trying to subvert the government in any way, The New York Times reported.]

A presidential aide said General Singlaub had met Teodoro L. Locbeen dumped in coral reefs of the Aquino, five times since the downmission to hunt the Japanese trea-

gence had been asked to investigate reports that General Singlaub had been in contact with supporters of Mr. Marcos and other rightist military and political elements who contend that the Aquino administration has been infiltrated by Communists and their sympathiz-

In U.S. press interviews, General Singlauh has said he regularly informed the White House and the Central Intelligence Agency of his efforts to provide military equipment and humanitarian aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

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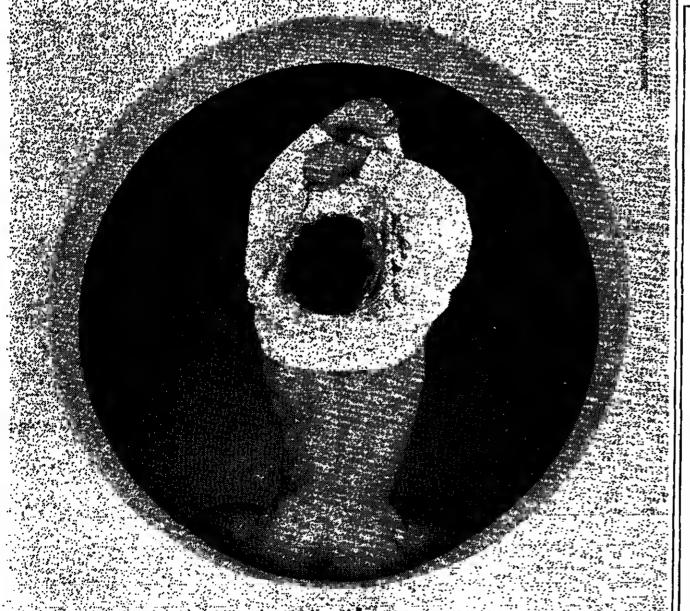
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Beirut: Beyond Tragedy

Fighting continues in Beirut. Once, the scriling on one. Inside, people go on about words made the heart sink. Now, they have their daily lives. The pictures, year after echoed for a dozen years; too long.

Fighting continues in Beirut. Can there be buildings yet shelled? Lives still unshancred? Do builets hit someone new each time? Fighting continues in Beirut. Phalange, Shiite militia, Amal, Maronite Christians, Druze militia. Talks break up . . . agreement collapses ... heavy fighting ... car bomb

explodes . . . gun battles rage.
Fighting continues in Beirut. Travelers
sorrowfully remember a joyous crossroads city of breathtaking corniches, venerable libraries, commerce, joie de vivre.

Fighting continues in Beirut. Fifty-one dead... 100 are killed... 28 died. Outside, people debate cause and solution, never

their daily lives. The pictures, year after year, lose their power. For the people there, the real faces of children crying and mothers screaming are part of the environment. Can the residents there still see and hear

Ceaseless violence. Hopeless dilemma

Exchange Rate Dithering

The five major trading nations are going to try once again this weekend to stabilize their exchange rates. The Japanese are desperate to stop the rise of the yen. The Americans are increasingly uneasy about the continuing fall of their dollar. The Europeans are anxious to avoid further appreciation of the West German mark, now the continent's dominant currency. Everybody has a strong interest in stabilization. The question is, can they actually achieve it.

tional method, and the easiest, is obsolete and useless. Through most of this century governments could manipulate exchange rates through market intervention, buying and selling their own currencies. But that worked only as long as government re-sources were much larger than those of the speculators and investors who made up the private market. Beginning in the mid-1960s the market began to be able to challenge governments, and in the early 1970s the old system of fixed exchange rates collapsed altogether. Private trading in foreign exchange now has reached such a scale that government intervention has only marginal and very temporary effects.

Governments still can influence exchange rates, but now they have to do it by changing their fundamental economic policies, with sharp impacts on domestic politics. That is why they resist it. But those are the realities that the finance ministers and central bankers of the five leading industrial democracies would confront when they convened Saturday in Paris.

A recent academic study makes the point. Takatoshi Ito, of the University of Minnesota, in a paper published by the U.S. National

them? Fighting continues in Beirut. Now the fighting grows worse. Unrivaled

fighting, say the reports. Unparalleled, The remaining reporters try to convey what is going on but it has been going on too long. Are there adjectives to do it justice? The very word Beirut has taken on its own meaning, become its own description.

Useless losses. Endless mourning. Fighting continues in Beirut.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

the decline of the dollar in the first eight months after the September 1985 agreement in New York by the so-called Group of Five, the United States, West Germany, Japan, Britain and France. There were four waves of dollar depreciation, Mr. Ito found. The first was caused simply by the New York an-nouncement. The second followed a decision by the Bank of Japan to raise interest rates. The third reflected the fall in oil prices; Japan is totally dependent on imported oil. The fourth followed a decision by the Feder-The record is not promising. The tradial Reserve to reduce U.S. interest rates.

There was government intervention in those months, but it had no significant effect. To stabilize exchange rates, the Japanese and West Germans now need to push up internal consumption, promptly and vigorously, to replace their faltering exports: They need to do it in their own interest, not for the United States. It would mean better living conditions for the Japanese and lower unemployment rates for the Germans. But they resist it out of a misplaced fear of inflation and, perhaps, a reluctance to con-cede the necessity of fundamentally reorganizing their export-driven economies, Conversely, the United States needs to reduce internal consumption, above all by keeping its promises to cut its budget deficit. So far

the progress has not been impressive. Each of these governments, for its own domestic political reasons, finds these things difficult to do. But if the five most powerful trading countries cannot get together on a oint strategy to rescue themselves, the exchange rates will keep moving with exceedingly costly consequences for the world.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

OPINION

Teen-Agers Afraid of AIDS Are Making Monogamy the New Sexual Revolution

long, post-high-school sabbatical from academia to earn a little money before entering college in the fall. She works full-time as a clerk for a small high-tech firm. Lately, during her lunch break, she has been reading the condom ads in Newsweek magazine. She reads them very, very carefully "to see

what they say about AIDS." She says a friend of hers, a college student who lives in Manhattan and sleeps around a lot, has just discovered that a recent lover was bisexual. The friend quickly obtained a blood test to determine whether she had been exposed to the AIDS virus. "I haven't heard yet what the test showed. I know my friend was real worried."

She is not particularly worried about getting AIDS berself, she says. Unlike her friend, she has never been terribly interested in casual sex. She lives with her boyfriend and, as far as she knows, the relationship is monog-amous. "I feel protected," she says. But she does wonder.

Might her boyfriend have had a homosexual experience without tell-ing her? Might be have slept with another woman who might have slept with another guy who might have

slept with another guy? And what about that one fling she had? Was he, and everyone be slept with, and everyone they slept with, AIDS-free? These are not the kinds of questions she ever anticipated having to ask herself. Her parents are in their mid-40s. Although the sexual revolu-tion of the late 1960s in the United States missed them by a year or two, they believed in being open about sex with their children. And, while they never encouraged their daughter to

they did not discourage her, either. So she never grappled with sex as a moral issue, and certainly not as a health issue. Her parents had stressed the importance of birth control and the need to respect other people's feelings, to be careful not to use anyone or hart anyone. In sizing up a prospective partner or deciding to enter into a sexual relationship, those were the things she wrestled with.

become sexually active in her teens,

She never considered the possibili-ty that sex could be life-threatening. The hardest part about it is that having a sexual relationship with someone now requires so much

I JARTFORD, Connecticut—She By Barbara T. Roessner trust," she says. "People have to be really, really honest with each other about who they've slept with."

She acknowledges honesty is not exactly a hallmark of adolescence and young adulthood. The use of condoms might help compensate for lapses in forthrightness, but they are not, as a recent study in the Journal of the American Medical Association pointed out, foolproof in stopping the transmission of AIDS. What, therefore, about abstinence?

"You can't tell teen-agers not to have sex. It won't work. When you're 15 or 16, you're just really curious. No one wants to be a virgin. Everybody is always trying to meet some body. Nobody wants to be alone." Are teen-agers willing, then, to risk exposure to a deadly disease?

I think there's no question that "I think there's no question may people will continue to have sex, but maybe not as much," she says. "They'll still sleep with their boy-friends, but if they're just dating someone, they won't. If I broke up with my boyfriend, it's not that I wouldn't they they have accele But boy! met sleep with other people. But how I met a guy would be very important — what he does, what his background is. I would never have sex with someone I just happened to meet in a bar."



So while the sexual revolution may be slowing, there is no wholesale return to the married-before-mating mentality of the 1940s and '50s.

"I don't think people are going to have the kind of freedom they once did," she says. "In that way, the sexual revolution is over. I think it's too person, for that matter — just to bed. I've never been one to sleep with maintain a safe sex life." bad. I've never been one to sleep with a lot of people, but I think it's mee for

other people to have that choice. "I think monogamy is going to be more popular, but not marriage," she says. "I'd rather not get married than marry someone I wasn't absolutely sure I wanted to be with I won't get married - or stay with the same

The Hartford Courant.

'Amerika' Does Indicate the Real Threat to America

A USTIN, Texas - Many estimable people have protested the ABC television net-

work political sosp opera "Amerika," trying to keep it off the air. They have missed the point. Of course "Amerika" is preposterous and provocative in its vision of the United States under Soviet occupation. It also is tedious, wooden and unconvincing as drama. But what is new about that? Commercial television in the United States remains what Newton Minow called it 25 years ago, a vast wasteland.

Nor is it unusual to find a tendentions picture of the Red Menace in America. Rambo" and "Red Dawn" are recent examples of paranoia and dreams of retributive violence. The stock Russian in the popular entertainment might as well have fangs.

That is the point. When ABC decided to touch the anti-Communist perve, it hardly

had an original idea. The real problem is in the society. Why do Americans have this hysterical strain in it about Communism? Why are they so lacking in confidence that their free system can hold its own?

The Red Scare has come in waves over the last 70 years, from the Palmer raids after World

When its all going to end in Betrut...

By Anthony Lewis

War I through the McCarthy period in the 1950s. Marks of hysteria remain in an immigration law that allows the government to bar visitors with dangerous ideas. The president uses strident language about the "evil empire." Americans have every reason to oppose the Soviet system, to condemn its cruelties toward its own people and its barbarism in Afghanistan. But it is not necessary to dehu-manize Russians, to treat the U.S.S.R. as an undifferentiated conspiratorial mass. It is not necessary to injure their own values by engag-

ing in Red scares at home. There is an ironic truth in all this. "Amerika" pictures a land that has lost its freedoms, its constitutional protections, its prosperity. But if Americans lose those things, it will not be because of a Soviet occupation. It will be because of their own mistakes, among them an excess of anti-Communist zealotry.

Think about some things that have done injury in recent years. First was the Vietnam War, with all it did to the American spirit. Anyone who has forgotten what that war was

like, or does not know, should subject himself to the terrifying truths of the movie "Platoon." Successive presidents took the United States into that war on the ground that there was a single world Communist menace, with China in the vanguard in the Far East, and the line had to be drawn in Vietnam. Even after Beijing broke with Moscow and approached the Unit-

ed States, Washington pressed on with the debusion — making things worse for Ameri-cans and the people of Southeast Asia. Now there is the Iran-contra affair, It is, in part, another result of anti-Communist zealot-ry carried beyond rationality. President Ronald Reagan's obsession with Nicaragua will not overthrow the Sandinist government, as his own military experts increasingly recognize. It will just intensify anti-U.S. feelings in the area. This U.S.-backed war in Nicaragua is only one example of the Reagan Doctrine of encouraging pressible laws are recognized.

couraging guernilla wars against left-wing gov-ernments in the Third World. In Angola as in Nicaragna, the United States is supporting terrorism. By seeing southern Africa in distort-

ed East-West terms, the United States is driv-ing Angola and others in the region toward the Soviet Union and huikling up a reservoir of Soviet Union and hatred for America.

To carry on terrorist wars and other covert actions Mr. Reagan —or others in his name — set up what amounted to a secret government White House aides operated abroad through a network of private agents, avoiding the scruniny of Congress and of professionals in government — avoiding the law.

There would be a good subject for a politi-cal drama: how a president driven by fear of Communism and impatient with the checks and balances of freedom took the United States away from the Constitution, But that would require television to show political sophistication, to see through the simplicities of aw-shucks patriotism. It is easier to make propaganda films about Russian villains. The United States has survived its selfinflicted wounds so far. The American public forced an end to the Vietnam obsession. Watergate and the Iran affair unraveled. But

Americans may not always be lucky. The New York Times.

Serve Notice on Contras

Other Comment

No matter what happens in Nicaragua, the fellow who seems to speak for the U.S. State Department is General Micawber: Something hopeful is always about to turn up.

The U.S.-backed contras have performed wretchedly over five years. They cannot decide where to fight or who to salute: they excel mainly at hit-and-run assaults, often on civilian targets, sometimes hospitals and children. Yet, predictably, even when they sink into disarray, General Micawber over at State detects "growing pains."

Thus it is tempting to dismiss recent contra convolutions as a charade, more manipulations to bolster the Reagan administration's case in Congress. For instance, Arturo José Cruz first threatened to resign from the contras' civilian command. His rightist rival, Adolfo Calero Portocarrero. ostentatiously resigned from the group while clinging to leadership of the main military force — changing nothing in the field. Now Mr. Cruz says he will not resign, making it appear that moderation has triumphed and continued aid is deserved. It all strengthens Mr. Reagan's hand in resisting efforts to revoke \$40 million of the \$100 million in aid already approved.

Mr. Cruz's stature and history make all this more than a charade. He wants to transform the contras —a term he rejects as a misuomer, along with "freedom lighters," he preferring rebel. He wants to purge right-wing Somocista officers, form a civilian directorate and disband the main contra

army now in barracks in Honduras. What gives him leverage is a proviso Congress tacked onto contra aid. It requires the president to report on human rights buses and on broadening of the rebel political base. If Mr. Cruz were to resign, the

Socialist Loss in Spain

ity on Mr. González's part.

The Socialist government of Felipe Gon-

zález this week has been obliged to beat a retreat on university reforms in the face of

widespread protests, whose scale and sponta-

neity caught it unawares. For a man who has always prided himself on his political amen-

nae, this showed a surprising lack of sensitiv-

his leadership. Having been re-elected last year with a comfortable majority and be-

come Spain's longest-serving prime minister this century, he has permitted his administra-

tion to become more concerned with power than government. Admittedly, the disarray

of the main opposition on the right has

or the mean opposition of the right has encouraged this state of affairs. But this is no

Yet it reflects a more worrying aspect of

Democratic Congress would almost surely abandon support for the contras. But there are questions about Mr. Cruz's own ability to lead and transform the contras within the four months he sets as a trial period. He seems to be using the contra travails to force fundamental reorientation. He evidently seeks to add a second leg of negotiations to the present one-legged policy of war. Elliott Abrams, the assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, knows this and seems opposed to it, but he cannot do without Mr. Cruz in Congress.

It will be argued that the contras have not been given a real chance. But they have had millions in aid. They have military sanctuary in Honduras. They have faced a Sandinist regime beset by economic chaos and poverty. But in five years, they have yet to take and hold a kilometer of territory or build a base of support in Nicaragua's cit-ies. Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, calls them a "ramshackle military operation." With all other diplomatic initiatives fail-

ing. Costa Rica is right to call on the Sandin-ists to agree to reforms and elections in return for a suspension of American contra aid. That is a formula Mr. Cruz also endorses. It is a worthy proposal, but the proponents themselves realize that any negotiations would have to be far more complicated

With the rest of this year's funding likely to go through, Washington has to look hard at the next big decision: whether to give the contras another \$100 million in military aid.
Waiting until Mr. Cruz shows what reform he can launch in his four-month trial is not a had idea. But no longer. Even contra supporters should see the value of serving notice. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

excuse for his government's increasingly ar-

rogant conduct and his own apparent aloof-

The biggest problem in the wake of Mr.

González's retreat over the students is posed

by the unions. Carlos Solchaga, his economy minister, is determined to bring inflation into

line with the European norm, and has im-

posed a ceiling on wage increases of 5 per-

cent. Embarrassed by criticisms from the

socialist grass-roots that economic policy has failed to tackle employment, Mr. Gonzá-

lez has done nothing to support his minister.

There is a clear need to reassen his leader-

ship and provide a sense of direction now

that the great hurdles of restoring democracy

and entering the European Community have

- The Financial Times (London).

ness from the electorate.

been achieved.

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ABM Furor Involves Not Just Legalities

WASHINGTON - Considering that the United States is a litigious society, it is hardly surprising that the debate over the future of the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty has

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turned into a legal wrangle.

Arms control advocates, who seek to preserve the treaty's purity, and r revisionist adversaries, who want to trash it, have argued the legal merits of the case with great fervor. But changing, even subverting, the legal basis of the treaty, as the Reagan administration is doing, is neither the most relevant nor worrisome aspect of the issue. Far more trou-bling are the likely political costs to

national interests. Defenders of the accord argue that the Reagan administration's decision to erect a partial strategic defense network by 1994 violates Articles II and V of the treaty. They, respective-ly, prohibit a nationwide defense against strategic ballistic missiles and ban ABM development and deploy-ments at sea, in the air, in space and in a mobile land-based mode.

Administration lawyers contend that testing and development up to the point of deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative is legally per-missible because e treaty appendix, Agreed Statement D, excludes from Article V coverage of systems based

It is hard to believe that the drafters of the treaty intended to ban conven-

LETTER

Regarding "Embracing the Disus-ter, Entrenching the Follies" (Feb. 6):

"deep, humiliating damage to the in-terests of the United States and of a

decent world" caused by the Iran af-

fair. As an American living in Europe

since 1984, I will go further and say it

is the worst disaster created by any U.S. president. Mr. Reagan's unfor-

givable mistakes and lies have not only

destroyed America's credibility, his

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Anthony Lewis reported on the

By Hugh De Santis

tional ABM systems but permit those based on future technologies. But the legal argument is beside the point. Historically, nations, including the United States, have accepted the hinding nature of international agreements into which they have entered as long as those agreements continued to satisfy their perceived national interests. President Ronald Reagan and his aides who view arms control as a relic of effete liberalism obviously believe the ABM treaty no

longer serves U.S. interests. Regrettably, their thinking betrays a lack of political judgment that will undermine that national interest. The likely outcomes of the anti-ABM crusade will be to foment discord with Congress, at the expense of the Stra-tegic Defense Initiative, increase al-lied disaffection with U.S. leadership of the alliance and facilitate Soviet exploitation of European opinion.
The Senate Armed Services Com-

mittee chairman, Sam Nunn, already has warned President Reagan in a letter that unilateral abrogation of the treaty would prompt Congress to make deeper cuts in "star wars" funding than would otherwise be the case and provoke "a constitutional confrontation of profound dimensions," Moreover, this impending clash is

bound to polarize Congress along partisan lines and leave a bitterness that will burt executive-legislative re-lations on foreign and defense policy well into the next administration. Unilateral abandonment of the treaty would violate Mr. Reagan's June 1985 commitment to Prime Min-

ister Margaret Thatcher of Britain, to

consult with Western European before proceeding with Strategic Defense Iniliative testing and deployment. American unilateralism would surely play into the hands of the Britisb Labor Party and to the growing body of opinion on the continent which in the wake of the raid on Libya and the Reykjavík summit meeting, finds it disquieting to be closely aligned with the unpredictable leadership in Washington.

No one will opt out of the Atlantic alliance. But the British, West German and Italian governments will be under domestic pressure to terminate their Strategic Defense Initiative research agreements with Washington, not to mention limit their support of our political initiatives in other areas - witness the recent cancellation of the Rome meeting on terrorism.

This disaffection with U.S. policies unfortunately coincides with mounting interest in Mikhail Gorbachev's efforts to "reform" the Soviet Union. West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told a forum in Switzerland this mouth that the West's failure to take seriously economic and human rights developments in the So-viet Umon, including "a readiness to embark on a comprehensive disarma-ment process," risked making an error of "historic proportions."

Although more skeptical, Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti acknowledged a trend in Moscow toward greater "transparency" in its international relations.

None of this is lost on Mr. Gorbachev. At last weekend's forum on nu-clear disarmament in Moscow, he said that his "revolutionary" changes toward greater openness were "irreversible." At the same time, striking a pose of peaceful accommodation, he condenned the Reagan administration's efforts to "scrap" the ABM treaty.

Why is it that President Reagan wants to challenge a Congress he no

longer controls on an issue that he is not likely to win, to undercut Mrs. Thatcher, to contribute to anti-American sentiment in Europe and to help the Soviet Union divide the United States from its allies? One suspects that it is partly to deflect public attention from the

Iran-contra fiasco. It may even be an effort to insure that President Resgan leaves the Strategic Defense Imitative as his legacy. And it may, too, he an effort to ring down the curtain once and for all on arms control.

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Democracy in Trouble? 1986 Was a Banner Year

By Jonathan Power

of one, if not two back. The Philippines approved a democratic constitution. But China clamped down on student protest and sacked the liberal-minded party chairman, Hu Yaobang Coup d'états con-tinued in Africa and in Chile General Augusto Pinochet marched on.

Augusto Pinocher marched on.

In fact, democracy has never been so prevalent. According to a report issued by Freedom House, an organization momitoring the vicissitudes of democracy for 15 years, more than 37 percent of the world's population now lives under democratic rule, and 24 percent under regimes that are not crudely dictatorial. Applying a little arithmetic to Freedom House tables, looks at the two main pillars of freeone comes up with the revelation that

In 1986 there were no Third World countries in which there was a major decline in the degree of freedom. There were reversals, but not major ones, and only in countries already tightly sewn up. Set against this was the continuing progress of the rest of the Third World — a swing that has been strongly under way since 1978. when only 20 percent of the world lived under democratic rule and 50

percent lived under despots.

Argentina further institutionalized democracy, as its media became in-creasingly unshackled. In Brazil, there were open local and national elections. sted by a wide range of parties. In Barbados, an already strong de-mocracy was given new life when the opposition party swept the polls.

The most dramatic gains in the
Americas were made in Guatemala

and Haiti. In Guatemala, an elected government replaced decades of mili-tary rule, albeit it is still struggling to control the army. In Hairi, although the transition to democracy remains tenuous, tyranny was brought to an end by popular uprising.

In Asia, the great advance was in

the Philippines, where authoritarian

TONDON — It must seem, of re-cent, that democracy has taken middle class and the U.S. decision to Thailand held another election with

more than the usual participation. Bangladesh held elections, albeit marred by violence and probable vote fiddling and revoked of martial law. Turkey improved its human rights re-cord, in particular freeing the press. Africa too is on an upswing. Sudan returned to parliamentary government and now has the best for ing democracy in the Arab-Moslem world. Cameroon, although not allowing multiparty elections, did allow elections within the ruling party.

dom - political rights and civil liberas many people live under democratic ties—then scores countries on a scale rule in the Third World as in the West. of 1 to 7. With political rights, states rated I have a fully competitive electoral process; those rated 2 have electoral rule, although it is mitigated by such factors as economic inequality, illiteracy and intimidating violence. And so he goes down to 7, reserved for

totalitarian states.

Civil liberties are similarly gauged from 1, where the media are independent, courts protect the individual and law-abiding persons do not fear for their lives because of their politi-cal activities, down to 7, where little independent expression can take place even in private and the opposition is imprisoned or executed Of the 59 countries rated 1 or 2 on

political rights, 34 are in the Third World. On the civil liberties scorecard, 23 of 44 are in the Third World. After all, it has been only 200 years since the American colonies led the modern push to universal suffrage. And, unless there is a major war or other unforeseen calamity, the likelihood is that with the growth of education, the spread of economic competi-tion and the rise of the middle classes, this democratic trend will continue.

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IN OUR PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

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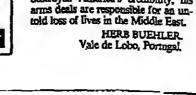
— Dolly Dimple, a cow, valued at unfortunately a fact that the Anglo-\$25,000, has a college student to at-Saxon nations always go to sleep durestate. Dolly likes her warm baths and the grooming and rubbing she gets every day. But greater than these luxuries to her is her \$6,000 offspring. a buil calf, yet to be named. Dolly is the pride of Langwaler Farms. ST. LOUIS, Missouri — A dog and

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UNITED NATIONS, New York — Washington will oppose mandatory sanctions against South Africa because they will limit policy manager of the situation in Such licy makers if the situation in South Africa improves, according to Ver-non A. Walters, the U.S. chief delegate to the United Nations.
"As of now it looks as if we will

vote against obligatory sanctions." Mr. Walters said Thursday in reference to a vote on a proposal for mandatory sanctions before the UN Security Council. The vote was scheduled by the end of the week.

France and Britain, two other permanent members of the 15-nation council, also expressed opposi-tion to the resolution, but did not say whether they would vote no or abstain. A U.S. veto alone would kill the proposal.

Representatives of at least 20 countries voiced support of the resolution in the Security Council de-

Mr. Walters said the United States opposed the UN resolution on principle, even though the pro-posed sanctions are similar to those passed by Congress last year to protest South Africa's policy of apartheid, or forced racial segrega-

"Yon establish sanctions and there is some improvement," Mr. Walters said. "One person can veto the lifting of those sanctions.
You're tying your hands for the
future and that's part of our trouble with it."

But Peter Zuze, Zambia's UN representative and president of the Security Council for February, said the resolution should be voted on despite the likelihood of a U.S.

"We want to align ourselves with the American people," Mr. Zuze said. "We don't care what the administration thinks."

Congress approved the U.S. sanctions against South Africa last fall over President Ronald Reagan's veto. It banned the import of some South African products, sus-pended landing rights for South African aircraft and barred new investment by U.S. companies and banks in South Africa and the sale of computers and nuclear technology to that nation.

The UN resolution, sponsored hy Argentina, Congo, Ghana, the United Arab Emirates and Zambia, contained the same sanctions

The United States and Britain have vetoed past sanction resolu-tions in the UN that went beyond against South Africa.

South Africa's system of apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which the black majority has no vote in national

affairs. ■ Pretoria Bans ANC Aide

William Claiborne of the Washington Post reported from Johannesburg:

South Africa's minister of law and order, Adriaan Vlok, imposed a ban Friday on quoting the African National Congress's publicity

secretary, Tom Sebina. Mr. Sebina, who is in extile at the congress's headquarters in the Zambian capital, Lusaka, is cae of the few officials of the outlawed guertilla organization who had not come under official banning orders

by the South African government. Mr. Vlok's order, issued under the 1982 Internal Security Act, means that the ANC's official spokesman may not be quoted di-rectly or indirectly in the South

African press. The order comes as the ANC is placing greater emphasis on attracting the support of South Afri-ca's liberal whites and the nations of the West. The group's top lead-ers, including the president, Oliver Tambo, have met with senior officials of the United States and of

Britain. The ban coincides with an effort by the government in Pretoria to prevent the ANC from having indirect access to South African whites.



Georges Ibrahim Abdallah during his 1986 trial in Lyon.

TRIAL: France on the Defensive

(Continued from Page 1) flight via Vienna to Cyprus and an overnight boat to northern Lebanon, where he was seen the next

day. But many analysts point to unconfirmed reports of French negotiations with Lebanese and Syrian go-betweens to explain the cessation of the bombings.

In December, according to a recent report in the weekly magazine Le Point, a French envoy in the Middle East was warned that terrorist action would recommence if France did not open Mr. Abdal-lah's trial by March 1. Shortly after the report appeared, the Feb. 23 trial date was announced.

The sources said a magistrate, Alain Marsaud, who visited Cyprus in October to establish whether the brothers could have used the island as a transit point between Lebanon and France, found that they had traveled back and forth in June and

July.
One security source said he bebombing campaign last summer but that others had carried it out. "It didn't make sense for them to set it up. It is almost certain that

claimed by a group called the Committee for Solidarity with Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners. It also called for the liberation of

Waroujan Garbidian, an Armenian jailed for an attack on a Turkish and of Anis Naccache, a Lebanese Shiite Moslem accused of taking part in an assassination attempt against Shahpur Bakhtiar, the former Iranian prime minister.

Security sources said they did not believe that this committee really existed.

Faction, the group that claimed the was given access to the planning killings of Colonel Ray and Mr. documents under study at the Barsimantov as well as several other attacks in France and Italy. They said the group had about 20 other members outside the family.

They said that Georges Abdal-lah, who had links to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Paleslieved the family had organized the time in the early 1970s, had founded

the group.
"He is one of the bigger fish in international terrorism," one be here," the source said. "But they source said. "This is a landmark case. It will show how far we're there is still a network here," prepared to stick it to terrorists."

TRADE: U.S., EC to Act Jointly

guay, was called to set up a new

round of GATT talks. [Mr. Noir said the EC was drawing up a list of possible actions against Japan, which would be presented to the Umted States for consideration, Reuters reported from

[He did not detail what sort of action might be taken.

[Mr. Noir also said he believed that the United States had come to view its agreement with Japan on trade in semiconductors as inade-

[Under the pact, reached last July, the United States agreed not to impose duties on Japanese semiconductors if Tokyo stopped selling them in the United States and third countries at prices below production cost a practice known as "dumping." The EC Commission has asked GATT to consider whether the U.S.-Japanese agree-

ment complies with its rules on free Mr. Noir pressed the Japanese issue in his two days of talks with administration officials and congressional trade specialists, attacking Japan for what he called its

fusal to practice reciprocity, "the basis of free trade." "The Japanese have the Nobel Prize for obstacles of all kinds in

trade." he said. Among the U.S. officials Mr.
Noir met were the U.S. trade representative, Clayton K. Yeutter, the deputy Treasury secretary, Richard Darman, and Senator Lloyd Bentsen. Democrat of Texas, who is

Committee. Mr. Noir, who left Washington Friday night, acknowledged that his visit came at a difficult time in U.S.-French trade relations, with the two countries hutting heads over the Airbus consortium and European subsidies for overseas

sales of farm products. On the agriculture issue, he said the United states and Europe are "progressing toward wisdom . . . at a turtle's speed." A longstanding grain dispute came close to turning into a trans-Atlantic trade war last

month. Mr. Noir said that the EC's Common Agriculture Policy, which provides large subsidies for European farmers, "is less the target

than it used to be." He said the focus had shifted to the "real issues" of global surpluses and rock-bottom world prices for

farm commodities. U.S. officials, however, said they still want to end Europe's export

subsidies, which they argue distort world farm prices and take markets away from more efficient U.S. pro-

The Reagan administration has made the dismantling of subsidies on farm exports its top priority in the new GATT trade round.

On the Airbus issue, Mr. Noir accused the United States of trying to maintain a world monopoly by two American companies, McDonnell Douglas Corp. and the Boeing Co., by threatening trade retaliation against the Airbus consortium.

(Continued from Page 1) of Arizona, said that all the Democrats in contention, with the possi-ble exception of the Reverend Jesse I_ Jackson were in one way or another unconventional in their

"I don't think there's anyone who could he classified as a tradi-tional Eastern liberal," he said. That's an extraordinary departure."

The governor's announcemen made Thursday night in a radio call-in program broadcast across New York state, surprised many Democratic leaders around the United States and shocked even some of his closest aides.

"I choose this moment to make my position clear," Mr. Cuomo said at the end of the hourlong broadcast, reading from a written statement that he had pulled from his pocket. "I will not be a candidate. The decision I've made I think is the best for my state, best for my family and, I think also, best

for my party." The statement brought gasps from the 20 Cuomo aides, bodyguards and reporters watching him through a glass panel as he spoke governor, whose voice bore no hint of emotion, then got up, put on his Cuomo had talked about heading a

CUOMO: New York Governor Rules Out Presidency suit jacket and walked out of the committee to explore a presidential

> swer questions. He returned by helicopter to the Executive Mansion in Albany, where he did not take calls from even his aides.

So closely held was his decision that some top advisers involved in plotting strategy for a Cuomo presidential race found out about it only when a reporter called for re-

A few said that, while they were taken aback by the announcement, they thought they understood, based on conversations with Mr. Cuomo over the past few weeks, the reservations he had about running for president. They said his main concern, one that he voiced often. was the harsh scrutiny his family would come under if he ran.

They said that his chronic back pain, caused by a pinched nerve, was getting worse and that surgery might be necessary. And they said he did not seem convinced that he ought to be president or emotionally willing to take on the grueling life of a presidential candidate.

"We knew all along this would be a personal decision," said Miinto the radio microphone. The chael J. Del Giudice, the governor's former chief of stalf, to whom Mr.

Manhattan studio, refusing to an- candidacy. "He felt personally from a family standpoint that it would mean a year and a half away from responsibilities and substantial time away from state responsi-hilities as well. It was weighing on

Although Mr. Cuomo had never formally said he was running for president, his actions over the past few weeks, including the scheduling of 14 trips outside New York, led most political strategists to believe he would run for the White

Moreover, the most recent New York Times-CBS News Poll showed that about one Democrat in six nationally preferred him for the presidency, about half as many es preferred Mr. Hart.

The governor has been mentioned as a presidential candidate ever since he gave the keynote address to the 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. The speech, an impassioned plea for those who share in American prosperity to help the millions who do not, thrust him into nation-

Talk of a presidential candidacy broadened in November, when Mr. Cuomo won re-election by the largest margin in New York history.

White House. He was asked to reproved a mission to Cairo by Ad-

The White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, denied on Friday

plans for an attack on Libya.

The director of central intelli-

A plan drawn up by the National Security Council staff at this point called for Egypt to attack Libya, capture half its territory with U.S. air support and then use this position to force Colonel Gadhafi from power, several sources said. It had been devised by the national securiy adviser at that time, Robert C.
McFarlane, his deputy, Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter and the third-ranking security council official, Donald R. Fortier.

The State Department was not opposed in principle to cooperating with Egypt against Libya; the United States had been doing so Mubarak of Egypt should agree to

pursue it.
The Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a the Defensive
The September attacks were study apparently intended to dampen White House enthusiasm for an invasion, estimated that an operation in Libya on the scale

about 90,000 troops. Such a force would have required major diversion of U.S. forces Airlines counter at Orly Airport, from the North Atlantie Treaty Or

> The secret trip home by Mr. Ve-liotes on orders from Mr. Shultz was considered a means of adding caution, and professional assess-

The sources said the Abdallah from his service as assistant secre-family formed the nucleus of the tary of state for Near Eastern af-Lebanese Armed Revolutionary fairs early in the administration,

CONCEAL: Talk of Cover-Up

arms in August 1985.
The core of this disagreement and the source of the president's rest in the definition of the word

iar with his testimony. the arms to Iran from its own stockpiles, with a private under-standing that the United States

would then replenish the supplies. "It all started with the idea that the operation would be controlled and conducted by a foreign country," the source said. "That would give deniability. The notion was let

Under these circumstances, Mr. McFarlane could plausibly argue that the president had given informal approval before the first arms sale. At the same time, Mr. Regan could maintain that the president had made no official, formal en

Early in November, a Beirut newspaper published the first account of the arms transaction, and since the president faced a news conference a few days later, his aides were trying to prepare a de-tailed account of what had happened for briefing him.

Mr. McFarlane testified that he joined a group of White House aides on the evening of Nov. 18 to draft the account. The group in-cluded Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, the National Security Council aide who was later dismissed for his role in organizing the arms sale and diverting profits to

North's superior, had already gone home but was in communication with the group through a computer hookup, the source said.

"All these grys were running around, focusing on the question of authorization," the source said.

"Olfie was saying, we must not let the president get hurt in all of this." At that point, Mr. McFarlane was asked to draft his memorandum. "He was putting the best face on something," the source said. The memo would enable the president to say, with literal accuracy that there was no authorization.

Vienna Fire Guts Offices Of Stevr-Daimler-Puch

VIENNA - A fire gutted the headquarters of Steyr-Daimler-Puch AG, a vehicle maker, and a fire brigade spokesman told Austrian radio that he suspected arson. Witnesses said the fire broke out Thursday night in different parts of the building almost simultaneous-

LIBYA: State Department Is Said to Have Thwarted '85 Plan to Topple Gadhafi

redraw the map of North Africa," according to sources who have read

that Mr. Gates had helped draw up

gence, William J. Casey, according to sources, ordered a detailed study of military targets in Libya that would be subject to U.S. attack.

for years. However, a joint invasion of Libya was considered by the State Department — and by its allies among the civilian and uniformed leadership of the Pentagon

to be ill-considered in the unlikely event that President Hosni

being envisioned could eventually require six U.S. combat divisions,

ganization.

ment, to the discussions. The ambassador, who was familiar with bureaucratic infighting

(Continued from Page 1) Mr. Regan has insisted in his congressional testimony that the president's approval came only after the Israelis made the first shipment of

own confusion on the matter, may "approval."
Mr. McFarlane told the Tower

DOSTG OR 11 summer of 1985, White House aides tried to shape the plan in a way that would shield the president, according to the source famil-

The plan was for Israel to send

the Israelis do it. Let them try."

Nicaraguan rebels. Admiral Poindexter, Colonel

was a finesse job, a pretty good finesse job, and, in a sense, it was

The building, close to the Opera on the Ringstrasse, was on sale for 600 million to 700 million schillings (\$47 million to \$55 million) as part of plans to restructure Steyr-Daim-

write them into something that could be acceptable to Egypt and useful to the United States.

Instead of a joint military action against Libya, the paper drafted by the State Department proposed U.S.-Egyptian military "contingency planning" on an accelerated basis in case of a clash with Libya, 2ala, so that the admiral's "talking closer U.S.-Egyptian cooperation closer U.S.-Egyptian cooperation points were much closer to the against Libyan activities in Sudan and Chad and other "reactive and original plan for joint military acdefensive scenarios," according to

a source familiar with it. Mr. Veliotes also recommended that a way be found to block a proposed mission to Cairo by Adsenger would give unwarranted and

(Continued from Page 1) convicted of spying in peacetime are subject to the death penalty. If Colonel North was authorized by more senior officials, however, he may not have violated the law,

according to the expert

Brendan Sullivan Jr., Colonel North's attorney, could not be reached for comment. ■ Kidnapping Authorized Friday that Mr. Reagan secretly authorized the CIA last year to where.

miral Poindexter and Mr. Fortier. which took place in September 1985. But the State Department believed it was successful in watering down what Admiral Poindexter was authorized to tell Mr. Muharak and his defense minister. Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Gha-

Admiral Poindexter reportedly began the meeting with Mr. Mu-barak by emphasizing that be had been sent by Mr. Reagan and was miral Poindexter to discuss war speaking for bim. He then plans with Mr. Mubarak, on the launched into a discussion of the plans with Mr. Mubarak, on the launched into a discussion of the ground that such a high-level mesreport on the meeting, including mwise emphasis to the message.

Despite the opposition from the State Department, Mr. Reagan ap-

ident Jimmy Carter in 1977 due to concern about such an onen-ended U.S. commitment, and reinstated by Mr. Reagan in late 1981.

There is controversy within the government about whether, or to what extent, Admiral Poindexter hoped to persuade Mr. Mubarak to consider joint military action against Libya, despite the watering down of Admiral Poindexter's for-mat instructions. Before Admiral Poindexter could complete his talking points, according to a U.S. report on the meeting, the Egyptian president interrupted him,
"Look, admiral," Mr. Mubarak

said, "when we decide to attack Libya it will be our decision and on our timetable."

Despite Mr. Mubarak's caution,

NORTH: Iran Is Said to Get Secret Data From U.S.

The officials said the order on kidnap suspected terrorists and bring them to the United States for terrorism was different from the trial, Reuters reported from Wash-directive by Mr. Reagan in January igton. 1986 that authorized the secret They confirmed newspaper re-shipment of U.S. weapons to fran

ports that the authority was contained in a presidential directive, called a "finding," signed by Mr. Reagan in January 1986.

"The finding covered a lot of stuff," one official said, amid research it like the content of the administration's terminal of U.S. weapons to fran without notifying Congress. So far the United States has not tried to kidnap any suspected terrorists under the order, they said.

The officials said the order stemmed from the administration's frustration with its inability to apports that it also authorized covert prebend suspected terrorists, espe-cially in Lebanon, after a spate of operations to pre-empt terrorist atterrorist incidents against Americans in recent years.

Such a pledge to Egypt was ex-tracted by President Anwar Sadat from President Gerald R. Ford in continued. State Department offithe early 1970s, withdrawn by Pres- cials believed this planning which included a trip to Cairo in February 1986 by Lieutenant General Dale A. Vesser, chief of plans and policy for the Joint Chiefs of Staff — was within the existing guidelines of U.S.-Egyptian "defensive" activity. Other sources reported, however, that the planning continued to include elements of a

joint U.S.-Egyptian attack. The U.S. military actions taken against Libya in the months that followed — including a major bombing attack in April 1986 — were timited in scope and duration, and were unilateral U.S. moves without the participation of Egypt

Raids against Libva were considered at the White House following the Dec. 27, 1985, bombings at the Rome and Vienna airports. The proposals were shelved after opposition from the Defense Depart-ment and a CIA report that the terrorist attacks appeared to be the work of the Abu Nidal group, a Palestinian organization, and could not be traced to Libya.

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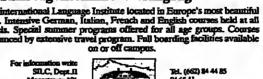
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Sheikh Khalifa Bin-Hamad al-Thani became Amir, joining a generation of modernizers in the Gulf states which were to come together in 1981 as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Indeed, Sheikh Khalifa, who from the time of his accession called for closer integration between the Arab Gulf states, can rightly be regarded as the archirect of the Gulf common market, now formalized as the GCC, with its headquarters in Riyadh, comprising Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman and Bahrain.

It was perhaps appropriate that Qatar, which now has a population of around 300,000, should wish to be part of a wider community. Proven oil reserves are less than one percent of OPEC's total and even at the peak of oil output in the 1970s, export volume was less than 500,000 barrels a day (b/d). Yet Qatar's development has been characterized by its sound management and stringent budgetary controls, which owe much to the personality of the Amir and his closest advisers. Qatar's ex-

In the past 15 years Qatar more than \$12 billion. They provide a cushion against the continuing regional re-

On February 22, 1972 has evolved in the past 15 expatriate general manager of one of the country's that gradual and continuous The Amir is a meticulous worker who spends long hours engaged in the actual business of administration, while honoring the tradi-oons of the majlis (assembly room), to keep in touch with his subjects, many of the al-Thani family is numerous and broadly represented across society in government, the forces and the private sector.

In developing Qatar, priority was naturally given to the building of a modern infrastructure - ports, airports, power stacons, roads, schools and hospitals — but the productive side of the economy was not neglected. Qarar was the first Gulf state to complete a diversified industrial zone, having ternal debt is less than steel, fertilizers, petrochemi-

The way in which Qatar

years reflects Sheikh Khalifa's sober outlook. Says the banks: "Irrespective of the boom in oil prices, the Amir has maintained steadfastly development is much better than abrupt spurts forward which are inevitably followed by sharp recession." whom are kinsmen, since is extracted from the

their country, which has successfully resisted attempts to subdue its idenoty by conquest or annexation. This awareness of their history gives Qataris a sympathy with other peoples suffering from oppression and conquest - notably the Palestinians. Indeed, visirors soon realize that this is not a state gripped by self-doubt. Qatar adheres to a conservative interpretation of Islam (Wahhabism) and it is on Islam U.S. \$700 million and for- cals, gas processing and a that the relationship beeign assers, accumulated refinery. Exports from Umm tween ruler and people is

while making use of associ- also expressed through free speech and the regular access to the ruler is afforded by the majlis. Islam has also served Qataris take great pride in to give Qatar religious homogeneity. This has provided a sound cement for society at a time of growing religious extremism elsewhere in the Middle East.

> In common with other Gulf states, Qatar experienced an acute drop in revenue from oil during the first half of 1986. As a result of market uncertainoes about the price of oil, government did not publish a budger for the 1986/87 financial year, which began in April 1986. Ministries, however, were instructed not to exceed the

1987/88 budger is expected shortly. The only major area of capital spending in 1986/87 was defense, where projects went ahead for military barracks and some hardware purchases. With the improving atmosphere for oil prices, following the OPEC accords of 1986, the chances are good that new projects will emerge, or sus-pended schemes will be revived. Since secondary industries are dependent on new supplies of gas for feedstock, there is every likelibood that the plans to develop the North Field unassociated gas teserves

will go ahead. Examples of project sus-pensions in 1986 were the \$37.8 million Ministry of Education building, the \$24.7 million transmitter station and the passport andimmigration department headquarters. There is no shortage of projects on the drawing boards, especially in the leisure field, and a number of delayed jobs have social priority, such as the mosque and the women's science faculty building ar the university. Many more projects will in the future go to local companies, which are seen as having gained greater expertise and having learned many lessons from the intensive infrastructure building program of the 1970s.

The budget announcement, in late February or March, will give contractors a definite indication of what to expect in coming months. The early signs point to continued restraint but work connected with the military and the North Field gas de-

velopment will get priority. In the private sector, a number of industries based on locally available raw materials are now feasible in Qarar, according to studies carried out by the govern-ment's Industrial Development Technical Center, The deputy director general Sheikh Abdulrahman Bin-Jabor al-Thani says one such industry is a brickmaking plant. The IDTC has even defined specifications for the local raw materials which could be used in making bricks. Local firms looking for technology suppliers in-clude Al-Rehab Trading & Contracting (bowling and ice skating center) and Rayyan Bottling Company (water bottling plant). Both these proposed projects suggest that the local scene still presents adequate opportunioes for foreign companies interested in the Gulf marketplace. It is the proactive

nature of the Qatari entrepreneur which gives comfort to those foreign companies which have strong business links with the emirate. The Irish firm McInemey Properties is working with its partner Kassem Darwish in the local firm Gulf Housing Company of Doha to build in the traditional Qarari style. Says McInemey's corporate development manager Patrick Conlan: "Unlike many of the well-known internacional contracting companies, we are continuing to trade profitably in the region, especially in Qarar, thanks to our local partner. We have built up an enviable reputation for quality and reliability."

— John Wilson



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during the years when Qatar Said, 30 miles south of the based. Tribal loyaloes and previous year's budget, was one of four OPEC sur- capital Doha, have helped to customs are still strong but which called for total spendplus states are estimated as provide non-oil tevenue, the democratic tradition is ing of \$4.6 billion. A BRICH ASS PARTY OF A

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North Field Project Marks a New Age In Oil Industry

drocarbons industry is the cornerstone of the economy and oil provides more than Japanese engineering indus-90 percent of gross domestic try) but it also wants no product. Not only is the revenue brought in by oil and uids (NG: gas sales vital to Qatar, but phase one the country's infrastructure relies heavily on associated gas, as do the heavy export usage of gas is rising locally Said, 30 miles south of and currently amounts to.

Doha Without gas, Qazar's 600 mcfd, of which about power stations and desalination plants would be in trouble. This adds urgency to the decisions which have to be ciated gas from current oil decisions which have to be taken on Qarar's biggest ever development project -

the North Field. This is a large unassociatthis time it was probably already fairly late for this present decade to contemplate an ambidous Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project, in view of the likelihood of north of the Shell-operated oversupply in world markets field near where it was disby the time the scheme was covered in 1974. realized. The state oil company, Qatar General Petrolcum Corporation (QGPC), wanted to take time assessing options, particularly in view of the importance of finding the right partners. By 1984 a three-phase plan was evolved by Fluor which put in as a priority the development of 800 million cubic feet a day (mcfd) of capacity for local use. This became known as phase one. A second 800 mcfd flow would be brought on stream for sale to other countries, while a third phase in the 1990s would develop another 800 mcfd for export, most likely to Japan.

The problem was the high initial cost - U.S. \$6 billion for the three phases - which led the prudent Oatar government to seek alternative proposals. In mid-1986 Amoco of the United States proposed a 600 meld development at a cost of \$270-500 million. Next. OGPC ordered a reassessment from Bechtel, its consultant, because of the difference between the Amoco proposal and Bechtel's own original figure for the 800 med phase one. The discrepancy is not as bewildering as it might appear at first sight, since Amoco's scheme does not go beyond local use of the gas, due to its view of the LNG Market. Unofficially, it is known that Shell. which still supplies experts to the oil industry in Qatar, backs the Amoco line, aladopting a low profile in Qarar since the explosion of a gas plant in 1977 and litigation which has only recently been settled.

Enter the Japanese, Marubeni Corporation has produced a scheme to finance the whole development and market the gas, but this would envisage going all the way to phase three and exports of LNG.

Marubeni wants the government to agree to a more flexible pricing clause for the gas but claims to have arranged purchasers for about 30 percent of the 6 million tons 2 year of LNG

Qarar's low OPEC oil out-put ceiling of 300,000 barrels a day (b/d) gives little mar-gin for error, since the hythrough Marubeni (highly lucrative for the depressed

> market the natural gas Inc. uids (NGL) produced in What makes the decision

urgent for QGPC is that industries based at Umm by some 10 percent a yest. half is completely essential - power and desalination

production are too small to cope, without the addition. of non-associated gas from the Khuff formation below. ed offshore gas field discovered by Shell in 1974. The ern Quar. From 1988 this first development study was reservoir will begin to de-carried out on it in 1979. By cline, leaving about two this time it was probably years in which the situation. can be put right by pushing on with the North Field, oddly named since it is north only in the sense of being

If the North Field development gets the green light this may advance a number of other projects. The Qatar. Fertilizer Company, which has two 900-tons-a-day ammonia and two 2,000-tons-aday urea plants, has ambioons to expand with a further 1,500-tons-a-day ammonia plant, valued at \$200 million. This brings in India. India has confirmed its interest in buying LNG from Qarar's North Field by offering to take between 3.5. and 5 million tons a year from early 1990. The gas would be used for the six giant fertilizer plants which India intends to build in the next five years. Gas would be used for a joint fertilizer project in Qatar involving a buy-back arrangement. In January 1987 QGPC's managing director, Sheikh Rashid Bin-Owaidah al-Thani, visited India when it was agreed to make this plan progress to a joint committee stage. It is noticeable that, as a result of recession in the Gulf, all the GCC

the Far East and Japan. On crude oil sales, the government has announced that from February 1, prices would be in line with those agreed by OPEC in December 1986. Offshore crude is priced at \$17.67 a barrel and onshore crude from Dukhan is \$17.82 a barrel. Among though Shell has been those to renew contracts with QGPC are Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan for 50,000 b/d, Marubeni for 40,000 b/d and the Carey Group of the United States

states have become more in-

terested in developing trade

links with the Indian sub-

continent, as well as with

for 30,000 b/d The key question, of course, is whether OPEC unity will hold. For Qatar, however, this is not a case for self-examination since, of all the Gulf states, Qutar has been the most consistent supporter, along with Saudi Arabia, of moderation in oil pricing, even if this has not always been to the country's own immediate short-term

advantage. — John Wilson

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Qatar Insurance Co. **Activates Reform**

economic slowdown, Qatar's largest insurance group, Qatar Insurance Company, plans to face the future with a revamped approach to management and clients and by introducing "new classes of insurance, hitherto not much known in the Qatar market."

The company's new youthful general manager, Mr Khalifa Abdullah al-Sobal, the first Qatar ever to take over the operations of an insurance group in the country, said his first priority would be to "stabilize" the intensely competitive local insurance market in cooperation with the other two national companies (Qatar General Insurance and Reinsurance Company and Al-Khaleej Insurance Company) and enhance the image of the Oatar market in the community of internacional insurers.

Mr. al-Sobal, 30, an economics graduate from Central Michigan University, took over in June. Previously, he was insurance coordinator for Oatar General Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries — a job which won him many awards and certificates for outstanding performance.

for the future, Mr. al-Sobal says the success of an insur-

Responding to the general ance group largely depends on its service to customers and image in the international insurance market. He plans to strengthen the "good relations" with the international community to obtain the "best security for its business."

To promote a better customer relation, says Mr. al-Sobal, he plans to improve the quality of services, speed up settlement of claims and offer professional advice to clients on the choice of

Mr. al-Sobal also plans a move to educare the public on the importance of insurance and its various aspects.

The QIC, the first national insurance company, was established in 1964 in partnership with the government, which holds its largest single block of shares.

Capitalized at QR 24 million, now fully paid-up, the company dominated the local insurance market until the last few years. Despite stiff competition, it still controls about one-third of the overall premium market.

At the end of 1985, QIC's total assets amounted to QR 237 million and statutory and general reserves QR 152 million. The QIC paid a div-Imbued with new vision idend of 25 percent to share-

- K.N. Sharma

Education in Qatar: Greater Opportunity

Qatar's new university cam- government employees are pus is already becoming a Qararis, though in the prifamiliar landmark as it en- vate sector expatriates still ters its second academic year. predominate. But it is also regarded as a symbol of the advances in education over the past 25 years. Architecturally, the first time as falling oil prices new campus, designed by Egyptian architect Kamal Kafrawi, is innovative, in ing program has been cur-marked contrast to the tailed though not halted, cramped school buildings which had housed the university since it was established in 1977. It combines modern materials and technology with techniques and designs characteristic of traditional Gulf architecture. Kafrawi says he was reacting against 'the distortion of a heritage under the guise of modernization' by attempting to integrate new technology with this cultural tradi-

tion. In some ways this attempt to combine different cultures and rechnologies echoes the challenge which faces the education system as a whole. Its expansion since the beginning of the oil boom in the early 1950s has been dramatic. It was only in 1952 that the first boys school (outside the system of religious schools of kut-(12bs) was established in Doha with some 250 pupils and six teachers. In 1956 the first girls primary school opened with 50 pupils.

By 1984 there were 47,285 pupils at the ptimary, preparatory and secondary levels. of whom almost 23,000 were girls. Between 80 and 90 percent of children of school age were arrending classes, although education is not compulsory. University education has become acceptable for both sexes, and Qatar University now has more than 5,000 students.

The government has not only invested heavily in education, it has also played an active part in encouraging enrollment at all levels. Education is free and over the years students have also been offered various subsidies and incentives. Efforts have been made to give opportunities to older people, particularly women, who missed out on education by providing literacy classes and adult educa-

main aims has been to have well-qualified Qataris to fill jobs, especially in the state sector, which were previously held by expatriates, most- worthwhile unless it is a unily from other Arab countries. Today, about half of all

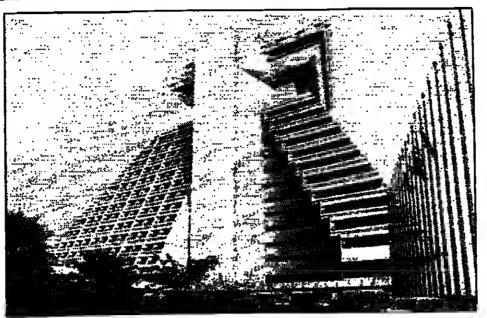
Since 1985 the volume of government investment in education has slowed for the necessitated overall expenditure cuts. The school buildand some projects have been put on ice.

Yet the main elements of the educational infrastructure are now in place and the issue for the future is how educational priorioes are to match economic, social and cultural needs. The government has tried to give some direction, for example, by encouraging the study of sciences when the trend has been for the majority of secondary school and university students to opt for humanities. Vatious incentives have been offered to encourage the choice of science

Efforts are also being made to encourage Qararis to study at home those subjects now offered at the university. The government has recently introduced a regulation that scholarships will not be given to anyone studying abroad in subjects available ar Qatar University. On the other hand, support is offered to students going abroad to study subjects such as medicine, for which no advanced training is available in Qatar. The medical faculty recently opened at the Gulf University in Bahrain may provide sufficient places close to home, though this remains

Educationalists are also discussing the need to increase the range of vocational, technical and community-oriented courses available to Qatari students. Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Kazem, president of the university until 1986, has suggested that the university itself should place more emphasis practically oriented courses. Some already exist, such as those for medical technicians, occupational therapists and social workers. But Kazem also argued One of the government's that more such courses should be available outside the university. This would be an antidote to the idea that no qualification is versity degree.

- Wendy Elford



The Sheraton Hotel in Doha.

Travel in Qatar: Modern and Traditional Charm

Unless you enter Qarar by toad from Saudi Arabia, your first impression of the country will be of its capital

The airport, simple and unpretentious, is well served by international airlines and especially by Gulf Air. This is Qatar's naoonal carrier, shared with Bahrain, UAE and Oman, which has an extensive Gulf area network and many long-distance routes. The airport is conveniently close to the city and before long your car or taxi will almost certainly turn along the corniche road. There, Doha will meet you like a gracious hostess.

By day the great atc of bayside is framed with handsome white buildings, some of striking and beautiful modern design. Blue sky and sea and bright sunlight, with here and there the green of gardens, accentuate the whiteness, Roads are broad; there is an artistic as well as a purposeful sense of design. At the northern end the pyramid of the Doha Sheraton Hotel adds a faintly bizarre touch to the picture.

At night the scene changes into exotic mystery. The sea is black, the sky dark, and every building, wall and street is outlined with golden lights which seem to wink and ripple like

jewelry. Some cities develop the modern in an architecturally histotic setting. Here the town is new, built with spacious modern dimensions and the advantages of wealth and current technological skills. However, the culture

it enshrines is as ancient as the Arab people.

The land is mainly flat, grayish desert: a 160-kmlong peninsula running northwards into the Gulf from the Saudi Arabian coast, There is little beauty in the landscape, though it has a strange, peaceful charm which grows on the visitor, All true-born Qataris yearn for the desert, and drive out to it in their handsome motor cars on Fridays and other public bolidays to picnic and play games with their children.

Qatar's total population is around 300,000 and about one third of these are Qararis. They are hardheaded businessmen, but friendly and very family-minded. The community is small enough for there to be one wide social structure in the capital, which is the home of four-fifths of the total population. If you make friends with one Qatari, you will be received by a large circle of friends and relations. Courtesy and a conservative form of dress are important in such contacts. Qataris respect others, and expect as much in return.

Hotels, the starting point for most visitors, are plentiful. The best are expensive but good: modern, spacious, and often beautiful, with all internacional standard facilities, suites, and generally good service. Qataris are gourmets, and the cuisine is usually excellent and international, with the possibility of sampling Arab dishes if desired. All the big hotels have good restaurants, and

most visitors eat in the ho-

Best-known hotels are the Sheraton, Gulf Hotel, Sofitel Doha Palace, and Ramada Renaissance, where the price of a single toom ranges from 280-375 Qarar Riyals (1 \$U.S. = 3.65 QR). The Oasis and Doha Palace Hotel charge about two-thirds of these prices, and there are several cheaper ones.

Sightseeing is quite easy to arrange through the hotel desks. Where business visitors of others come as a group, a program is usually arranged through local travel agents, but the individual will find no difficulty in fixing his own program through the hotels, which can suggest itineraries and hire cars and guides.

Some places in the city can, of course, be visited independently and quite easily, though it is always wise to check on the hours when they are open.

Oatar National Museum and Aquarium - This is most beautifully planned

To HH the Emir.

and maintained, teflecting the Qataris' ptide in theit culture, folk traditions and natural history. It is housed in a formet palace, with rooms fitted up with traditional Arab furnishings and costumes. All sides of local beduin Arab life through the centuries - fishing, hunting, sport, pearl fishing are represented here, as are Arab manuscripts, the writings of poets, and other facets of a long cultural heri-

In a modern section, the new technological phase of the country's development and wealth is unfolded, while other galleries show the area's wildlife. Outside is a lagoon with several traditional dhows and sailing boats.

Allow at least two hours to explore the museum; it is well worth it.

Ask about special cultural and sporting events. Qatar has a magnificent Naoonal Theatre for stage shows and concerts. The Qataris are also very keen on sports.

There are seven international standard sports clubs, one for each of its first-division football teams. Each has a football pitch and an athletics track in a stadium which can accommodate 20,000. Back in 1981 a Qarari football team was runner-up in the Youth World Cup, and since then the administration has been enthusiastic fot all youth sports projects. Baskerball is popular, too. For major events there is the 45,000-seat Khalifa Stadium, and borse racing on the Rayyan Course.

There are also a number of social and amateur sporting clubs for yachting, golf, etc., but often these have their own sports facilities.

Climate — Very hot and humid May-September; pleasantly warm through the test of the year, though cooler in mid winter.

- Penelope Turing ment.

Health Facilities More Accessible

The Hamad bospital in Doha made headlines last year when its surgeons performed their first kidney transplant operation. This 683-bed bospital, opened in 1982, now performs a range of advanced surgery, including open-heart operations. It also has a nuclear medicine unit and soon expects to inaugurate a new outpatients' clinic equipped with a resonant scanner and a linear accelerator for use in radio-

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not the whole story. Over the past ten years. Qataris have seen a rapid increase in the availability of many kinds of health facilioes, from sophisticated surgery to dental treatment and prenatal care. The task of increasing people's access to health care bas been made easier by the small size of Qatar's population and the fact that some 88 percent of that population is concentrated in urban areas, mainly in the city of Doha. The government has made a large investment in this

health infrastructure and

treatment is provided free.

But high technology is

The government's strategy for developing health services in the 1980s has involved a measure of decentralization. It has created a network of 21 local clinics from which patients are referred for more specialized treatment to polyclinics and bospitals. This aimed to relieve the workload in hospital outpatient departments and at the same time to bring bealth services closer to people's homes in both urban and rural areas. It is particularly important for women and children who, for both practical and social reasons, may have difficulty traveling far to seek treat-

These first-level clinics provide basic treatment and diagnosis, mother and child health care and a certain amount of health education. There is also a schools medical service with 22 school health clinics. A new polyclinic has recently been opened in Doha.

The Ministry of Preventive Health, meanwhile, concentrates on vaccinacion campaigns against majot childhood diseases and on health education and the promotion of health issues through the media.

The four main hospitals, along with the clinics, are run by the Hamad General Hospital Corporation. The Hamad hospital specializes in surgery, general medicine and acute care, including the treatment of accident victims. A 310-bed women's hospital being built as an extension of the Hamad hospital complex is due for completion in 1987. The other large hospital, the Rumaileh, upgraded in 1984, deals with long-term geriatric and psychiatric patients and the disabled.

The composition of the staff in the hospital service is gradually changing as efforts are made to increase the number of Qataris employed. More Qararis are now training as doctors and health professionals.

But as Qatar sheds some of the health problems associated with poverty, new, more affluent lifestyles are creating their own health risks and patterns of disease. In 1986, 2 UNICEF sponsored study of child nutrition and health in the GCC states suggested that 'modem' styles of living and eating were affecting children's

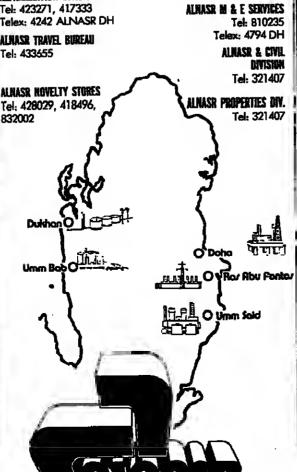
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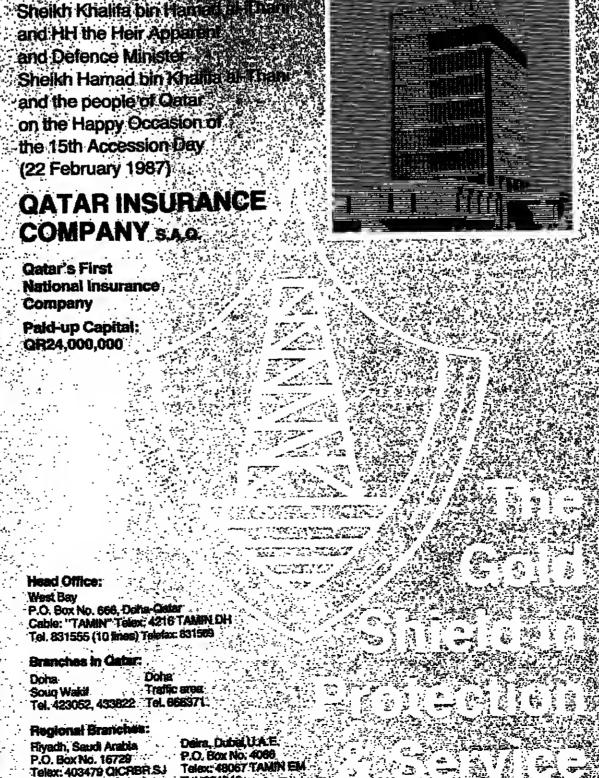


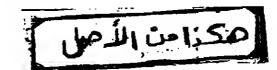
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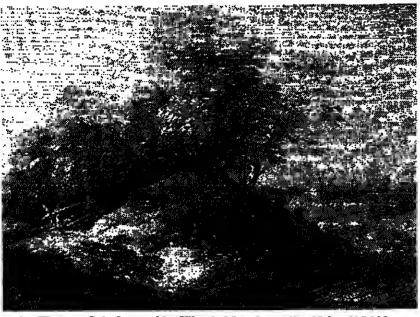






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Head of a Breton woman, by Paul Gauguin; Thomas Gainsborough's "Wooded Landscape" sold for £25,300.

Collecting Art for Art's Sake

at Sotheby's Thursday will be seen in retrospect as a landmark.

For once, figures do not fully reflect the significance of the event. (more than \$1.3 million). Compared with the more than £21 mil- a Mannerist drawing representing lion made last November in New York by the drawings amassed by John Gaines, this may seem negligible, But the Witt collection was formed over a lifetime, not in a few

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in a Gainsborough landscape as in Sir John's aptitude at transcend-

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Had such a broad selection drawings for his private collection. merely reflected encyclopedic curi-

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contrives a feeling of wide wind-Bartholomaus Spranger. His pos-sessions covered virtually the whole fects unmatched in Callot's other swept space and achieves light efrange of English draftsmen from sketches in brown wash. The Remthe late 17th century to World War brandt-like sense of tragedy is as I, as well as many of the Italian, intense as it is sober. The silhouette of a man, head slumped on his of a man, head slumped on his chest, hanging from a high gallows ing styles and genres probably is watched by a seething crowd of footmen and officers on borseback. Not many have collected with Despite a crease that cuts across the sky this is the most desirable watercolorists such as Francis Callot to turn up on the market in Towne and Thomas Girtin, of years - more so than even the 19th-century Romantics like Wil-beautiful harbor view in the Gaines liam Henry Hunt, Pre-Raphaelites collection, which reached \$341,000 like Burne-Jones, and modern art-ists such as Alfred Wallis. He even was swiftly bagged for £20,900 by went in for cartoons, book illustra- Jan Krugier, a Geneva dealer in tions and botanical studies, which late-19th-century and 20th-century seldom hang in the same house as paintings whose eye never fails him when he goes after Old Master

In a very different mood, Jeanosity it could have been second- Baptiste Oudry, the French still-life rate. What made Sir John's collect and hunting-scene painter, was tion so extraordinary was the top represented by just one drawing quality of so many works within a sketch of a cockerel flapping its above the £880-£1,320 estimate. wings that is one of the artist's He had only two drawings by the finest animal studies. A crease, and of the William Henry Hunt's most Making allowance for the artificial Frenchman Jacques Callot, but the faded color of the blue paper, accomplished watercolor portraits. pature of long-term comparisons, it both are stunning. One is a sketch explained why the Oudry sold for of two figures in red and black £1,320, only 80 percent more than



dral from across the River Wye sionist Henri Fantin-Latour. Even (unsold at £14,000 only because the color scheme in light browns stimates on the top lots of the veering to faded pink and olive English schools were exceedingly green with rusty colored shading high in contrast to the estimates on anticipates Fantin Latour's favor-French or Italian Old Masters). But ite hues when doing the still lifes Sir John also excelled in lesser art- for which he was so much admired ists, particularly when it came to later in England.

19th-century British landscapists.

He would, for example, pick up
the most poetically romantic landtion cuts across time, space and scape by John Sell Cotman. "The taste. It was probably easier for Tower Arkinlow" done in gray him than for most to achieve this wash in 1800, shows a castle on a degree of pictorial, sensitive eclectihilltop in a lurid light while a lake it cism. His father Sir Robert Witt overlooks is plunged in darkness. But he would also lay hands on the English collecting world — the most exquisite landscape by Wil-liam Turner of Oxford, "A Study of the holdings of the famous Coura Tree in Blossom," utterly differ- tauld Intstitute of Art in London. ent with its intense, miniature-like Sir John made an early start. One colors. The flat almond green of the of his first drawings, a Gainsbormeadow contrasting with a surging ough pencil landscape, was bought mass of dark green bushes on the in 1928 at the age of 21, while he horizon, the peach blossoms as a was still a student at Oxford. A kind of mauve tracery against the year later, his parents presented intensely blue sky, give it a Surreal-him with a drawing by John Conist quality that may explain the stable that sold Thursday for a re-£3,740 paid by the London-based cord for £62,700. Sir John also had U.S. dealer Anthony Roth, far the advantage of buying for pleasure, not for social status or to Sir John also laid hands on one make a profit. Prices were lower.

today, it is a far cry from the £25,300 that the pencil landscape made on Thursday.

When times changed, in the mid-1960s, Sir John did not stop buy-ing. He just used his eye. He ac-quired through Agnew's a fine John Frederick Lewis landscape for £15 plus commission, when few people would have known who Lewis was. Sir John also made coups. The Gir-tin view of Hereford Cathedral, which would have sold on Thursday for £13,000 if the auctioneer had not topped a genuine bid from the room with one in the hope of reaching the high reserve, was bought by the collector as a copy for £82 at a 1970 Sotheby's sale under the noses of the world's best professionals.

drawings, the last great collection in the British tradition has now been disbanded. Sir John, who downgradings - partly because of lived in his London town house wide support from scholars been disbanded. Sir John, who surrounded by his drawings, all throughout the United States — framed by his American wife, Lady and refused to change its labels. In Margaret, bad repeatedly expressed the wish that they should into the hands of collectors.

"A Girl Reading a Letter by Lamp- is reasonable to say that the 20

Controversial Rembrandts

By John Russell New York Times Service

No matter what the Dutch say, American Rembrandt scholars believe that five disputed paintings in American museums -- including two at the Metropolitan Museum of Art - are indeed by Rembrandt.

friendly discussion last week in Boston. Present were 30 of the world's ranking Rembrandt schol-ars, among them two members of the Amsterdam-based Rembrandt Research Project. Last year the Dutch had removed the paintings from the canon of works entirely by the Master. The meeting at the Museum of Fine Arts was an American

response to the Dutch findings.

The Dutch scholars relied primarily upon the Morellian principles, formulated 100 years ago by an Italian art historian, according to which the study of minute and apparently insignificant details in a painting can reveal the presence of an unmistakable "handwriting."

The Americans put their trust rather in the notion of quality, in an awareness that certain questions may be left open and in a familiarity with recent scholarship that esses the social and professional background of Rembrandt's ca-

By the end of the day it was clear that for the Americans, there was no solid reason to question two of the disputed Rembrandt portraits that are from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In fact, all five disputed paintings found favor with the Americans present. The two Dutch experts heard them out. but there was no bridging the gap between the Dutch and the American points of view.

Founded in 1969, the Rembrandt Research Project is trying to distinguish once and for all between paintings that are by Rem-With the auction of Sir John's brandt and those that are wholly or

partly by other hands.
The Met reacted strongly to the Boston, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner be auctioned in order to go back. Museum have paintings that were downgraded by the Dutch team,

> final word." The discussion was given weight and immediacy by the temporary presence in the Museum of Fine Arts not only of the two disputed paintings from the Met but also of a group of other paintings "by or near to" Rembrandt that had been assembled for the occasion. Two of the paintings from the Boston Muscum had been doubted by the Dutch team, as had the double portrait of "A Lady and Gentleman in Black" from the nearby Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

All of the paintings on view were

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two from the Met are signed and dated 1632. The discussion, therefore, had a sharpness of focus that } only the presence of original works of art can give.

The four-year period in question was described by Peter C. Sutton, chief curator of European paintings in the Boston Museum, as one in which "Rembrandt loved to ring American and Dutch experts in which "Remorand loved to his agreed to disagree at a spirited but agreed to disagreed to disag was still young, his career had just taken off and he had begun to receive major commissions. Sutton's choice of phrase was borne out by the startling contrast between, on the one hand, the tumult of the waves, the histrionic agitation of the Apostles and the evident potential for shipwreck in the "Storm on the Sea of Galilee" and on the other the meticulous exactitude of the double portrait from the Gardner Museum.

The Gardner double portrait is regarded by the Dutch team as probably done by an assistant in Rembrandt's workshop between 1632 and 1633." They also attest that it was cut down later and embellished with a chair that is out of style for the 1630s.

As has often happened with paintings that are several bundred years old, misguided intervention by restorers in days long past has harmed the picture. In this particular case, the figures now stand out like cutouts, the background bas no depth and the surface looks a

The rapt, self-absorbed qualityof the two figures — "little monads" in their own world," as Seymour Slive of Harvard University, later described them - won the day.

As for the two disputed portraits-from the Met, the published opinion of the five-man team was that although the two paintings had a great many Rembrandtesque aspects, they could not be accepted as being by Rembrandt.

The committee attributed the two portraits to "an assistant in Rembrandt's workshop in 1632." As always in such matters, the next .- " question was: "Who was this assistant who so nimbly counterfeited. Rembrandt's activity at a volatile stage in his career?" Arthur K. Wheelock, curator of Dutch painting at the National Gallery of Art. raised the fundamental issue of whether, at that stage in his career, The entire British collecting but they too stood by their auribu-world was there, all the survivors of tions to Rembrandt, doubtlessly Rembrandt would have delegated. that dying species who have taught believing that, as Philippe de Mon- such an important commission to light' dated 1827, was sold for shillings (i.e. £1) that he paid in themselves to look at art and buy it tebello, director of the Met, said assistants. Slive made the point that in 1632 Rembrandts was only.

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1928 for his first Gainsborough is, for its own sake. 26. How many assistants would he have had at that age, and bow himany of them would have been capable of such a feat of impersonation? What if he did not have a workshop at all? "If lines are to be drawn between one painting and another," Walsh said, "wouldn't it be best to admit that this is a personal affair and should be acknowledged as such?"

> And it did, in fact, emerge that paintings do say different th different people. "It all boils down to 'How do you read a painting?" Keith Christiansen of the Mct said "and, as to that, every generation dated between 1631 and 1634. The decides for itself."

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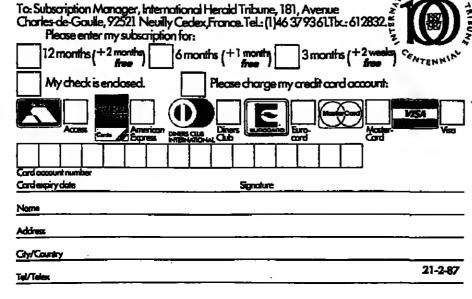
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In Japan's View, U.S. Runs Risk of 'De-Industrializing'

By LEONARD SILK

New York Times Service EW YORK — The poet Robert Burns suggested that we should try to see ourselves as others see us, and nobody seems to see the problems of American industry more clearly these days than do the Japanese. With their growing stake in the U.S. economy, not only as a market but also as a site for production and investment, Japanese companies

are studying the American scene more intensively than ever. The Japan Foreign Trade Council Inc., which comprises the Japanese trading companies, has commissioned a report on the outlook and the problems for U.S. trade and industry. The study is striking for its originality and objectivity. It accepts in part the

As Japanese firms

see it, a mismatch

U.S. view that America's trade problems stem from macroeconomic causes: not only the disparity between the United States and the other major industrial countries in rates of economic growth, but also by imbalances in currency rates.

between supply and demand led to more However, the Japanese re-port goes beyond these macroimports. economic factors to examine underlying industrial and structural causes of America's trade

problems. It employs the input-output analysis developed by Wassily W. Leontif, a Nobel laureate at New York University. The structural problems can be found in the regional break-down of the U.S. economy. Beginning in World War II, the Japanese report says, the population grew faster in the West while growth stagnated in the Northeast and Midwest. The Korean War, the exploration of space and the Vietnam War increased government expenditures in the western and southern states, the Japanese find, and the energy crises of the 1970s accelerated the

population's shift to those regions. Direct foreign investments in the West and South, especially by Japan, encouraged the trend. The problem today, as the Japaness see it, is that while demand has grown more rapidly in the West and the South, supplies from the North cannot fill it. The mismatch between demand and supply leads to larger imports.

NOTHER MAJOR FACTOR that aggravated the trade deficit has been the loss of management effectiveness in basic industries, the report said. At the end of the 1970s, the report says, the United States was surpassed in steel production by the Soviet Union and in auto production by Japan. In electronic products and machinery, it adds, "Japan has been fiercely challenging American industry."

The report also notes that American management has been changing its external strategy as the nation moves into different stages of development. In phase one, America imported capital from abroad, but after World War II American multinational

corporations made huge investments abroad.

Since the early 1970s, the study states, American companies have been cutting their direct investments abroad and have sought joint ventures and contracts with foreign firms instead. As a result, imports have been growing much faster than exports. The country is still in phase three of the product cycle, in which enterprises increase their imports to make their products domes-

tically competitive with cheap imports.

The Japanese voice concern about what they view as the deindustrialization of American industry. They attribute the trend to deficiencies in management, negative labor relations and poor adaptation to new trends of production technology. They note the criticism that the United States is in danger of developing a 'hamburger-stand economy" composed of raw-materials indus-

ines at one end and service industries a But the Japanese investigators, headed by Masahira Sakamoto. chief economist of the International Trade Institute, find that U.S. industry has retained many advantages. One advantage, they say, is that it has kept its technological superiority in most advanced fields. "Especially in the basic and development stage, there is a huge accumulation of innovative ideas," the report says.

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Brazil To Freeze **Payments**

Affects Interest On Bank Debt

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
RIO DE JANEIRO — President
José Sarney of Brazil told his cabinet and military commanders Friday that the nation would supply interest payments on its \$109 bil-lion foreign debt, according to the foreign minister, Roberto de Abreu Sodre.

In his regular weekly radio talk Friday morning, Mr. Sarney called for "everyone's support" in facing the country's "serious debt problem." He then informed the National Servicia. tional Security Council of his plan to suspend interest payments, Mr. Sodre said.

A senior government source, asking not to be named, said Sar-ney was likely to announce a 90-day suspension of dollar interest payments on the debt, which is held mainly by American and European banks. Mr. Sarney was scheduled to present his plan in a televised speech at midnight, Paris time.

The government would deposit an amount equivalent to the interest in local currency in Brazil, and might later allow creditors to change the money to dollars if the country is given new loans or improves its export performance, the emior source said.

Some Brazilian papers said the suspension might be indefinite, rather than 90 days.

Reports of the debt payment suspension produced concern in busi-ness circles here. Stock prices on the exchange here and in São Panlo plunged to their lowest level since Mr. Sarney took office, while the black-market rate for the dollar jumped 70 percent above the offi-cial rate of 18.50 cruzados to the dollar, to 26.50. The decision follows a collapse

in Brazilian export earnings and a loss of about \$4 billion in hardcurrency reserves in the past six months. The drain has sharply reduced Brazil's ability to meet its \$11 billion in debt-service payments due this year.

Last month, Brazil obtained a refinancing of \$9 billion in pay-ments from 1985 to July 1987 in debts to 16 governments representterest payments on this agreement and on debt to the multilateral development banks, like the World See BRAZIL, Page 13

In 1985 Ford renovated the for some jobs, less expensive automation for others, and comconveyors that move vehicles so that employees are always com-fortable when they work.

The renovation improved effi-



Taurus was the best-selling car in the U.S. last quarter.

How Ford Outearned Mighty GM

No. 2 U.S. Automaker Stressed Renovation Over Robots

DETROIT - The fact that Ford Motor Co. managed to out-earn industry leader General Motors Corp. last year for the first time in 62 years while selling fewer cars is no mystery, analysts say. Ford cut costs while making cars that sold.

With record 1986 revenue nearly two-thirds higher than that of No. 2 Ford, GM was wellplaced to earn more than its rival. Its failure to do so can be traced to the different roads taken by the two biggest American automakers over the past six

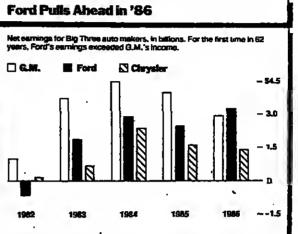
Ford said earlier this week that it had 1986 earnings of \$3.29 billion on worldwide sales of \$62.7 billion, n 5.2 percent net profit margin. GM earned \$2.95 billion for the year on sales of \$102.8 billion, a 2.9 percent net profit margin.

Analysts often point to Ford's Chicago and Atlanta assembly plants, which build the popular Taurus and Sable sedans and wagons, as illustrations of what the antomaker did right.

Chicago factory, built to 1924, and the Atlanta plant, built to 1947. In doing so it added robots puters for engineering and design. It also installed adjustable

Our approach has been that there are times when technology isn't the best answer," said Jay Meisenhelder, a Ford spokesman. "Maybe just reorganizing the way you do things can work just as well."

ciency at the Chicago plant from 53 cars an hour with 2 100 work. ers to 63 cars an hour with 3,000 workers. That represents a 19 percent gain in productivity with a 9 percent rise in employment.



Atlanta's capacity was ex-panded by 60,000 cars a year and Chicago's by 50,000.

"It just shows you that you don't have to spend a billion dollars on robots and you don't have to have a brand new build-tog to achieve significantly improved levels of productivity," said Maryann Keller, an analyst with Furman, Selz, Mager, Dietz. & Birney in New York.

The fuel crises of the 1970s hit Ford hard. After recording a total loss to the years 1980-82 of \$3.27 billion, Ford slashed its white-collar staff, closed three North American assembly plants and balved the amount of parts it made at its own facilities.

Ford also beld capital spendtog on plants to about \$2 billion a year and kept steady its investment in new-product development. Its new cars - under the Tempo, Topaz, Thunderbird, Taurus and Sablo models and sold well.

GM, less affected by the 1979 fuel crisis, took a different course. In 1980 it began an ambi-. tious five-year, \$40 billion capital spending plan aimed at cut-ting costs through an emphasis on high technology.

GM built six new factories

and renovated 12 others, but snags to the new technology hurt productivity.
To cut costs, GM's five divi-

sions shared car platforms and designs to such a degree that buyers had a hard time telling them apart and sales suffered especially among GM's expensive, high-profit cars. Backlogs grew at a staggering rate, and GM was forced to offer costly tocentives to entice buyers.

They threw a lot of money at technology in anticipation of that technology being on the shop floor and turning their cost numbers around," said Joseph Phillippi, an industry analyst with E.F. Hutton to New York. In 1986, GM announced plans to close nine plants and parts of

two others. It also began cutting workers. By August 1989, it said. it expected to cut its white-collar work force by one-fourth.

Eurotunnel Picks British Financier As Co-Chairman

By Warren Getler International Herald Tribune
LONDON — The Eurotunnel

consortium, struggling to restore investor confidence in its £5 billion (\$7.5 billion) project for a tunnel to connect Britain and France, ap-pointed the chief executive of a British financial-services group Friday to the post of British co-

Alastair Morton, 49, of Guinness Peat PLC is to replace Lord Pennock, who resigned last week. Lord Pennock is expected to remain with the consortium in the advisory role of non-executive director.

Eurotunnel also announced Friday the appointment of Sir Kit Mc-Mahon, chairman of Midland Bank PLC and former deputy governor of the Bank of England, to its

board as a non-executive director. Three French bankers were also named non-executive directors. They are Renaud de la Genière, chairman and chief executive of Banque Indosuez; Bernard Auberger, director-general of the Caisse Nationale du Credit Agricole, and Robert Lion, director-general of the Caisse des Depôts et

Consignations. Lord Pennock's resignation was followed by those of Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House PLC, as a Eurotunnel nonexecutive director, and Michael Ju-lien as British deputy chief execu-tive and chief financial officer. Mr. Julien has accepted the post of fi-nance director at Guinness PLC,

insider-trading scandal. Financial analysis bere, concerned about the sudden flight of British top management from Eurotunnel, generally welcomed the appointment of Mr. Morton.

the beverage company caught in an

[André Bénard, the French cochairman of the project, said Fri-day in Paris that the nomination of Mr. Morton would give the consortium renewed strong leadership,

Reuters reported.]

the appointment as "interesting, one that suggests that the new British co-chairman will go beyond the primarily figurehead role that Lord Pennock played."

Following Eurotunnel's struggle last October to raise £206 million in an initial share placement and the more recent defections of senior British managers, enthusiasm for the project has wanted among British institutional investors. The loss of Mr. Julien, regarded as a pivotal liaison with the City, London's financial district, was seen as a major

What was needed, analysts said, was a major national figure who could inspire confidence in the project to ensure that a £750 million public offering in July is a success. remaining £4 billion is to be raised from international banks.

One analyst, speaking privately, said that Mr. Morton was not a "first-division" banker. Other analysts said that he was not seen as being of equal stature of Michael Hawkes, chairman of the merchant bank Kleinwori Benson Ltd., or Sir David Scholey, chairman of Mer-cury International Group, the financial service company, both of whom had been mentioned as possible candidates for the post,

Mr. Morton, noting that journal-ists have called him a "banker," said Friday that "I've only been in the City for five years," But, he sid, "my background is in the organization and financial management of large-scale infrastructure and industrial projects."

His goal at Eurotunnel, he said, is to make the project "fully understood." Mr. Morton, who previously served as managing director of the British National Oil Corp., likened the project to that of building an oil company. "Investors are gotog to have to spend a lot of money over a long period," he said, "but then, bang, they'll get their return."

Mr. Morton has accepted the role of chairman at Guinness Peat Charles Williams, an analyst after relinquishing the chief execu-with the brokerage firm James Ca-tive's post.

Swiss Examine Banks' Role **In Handling Marcos Funds**

By Thomas Netter

International Herald Tribune
GENEVA — The Swiss Banking Commission has begun investigattog whether some Swiss banks acted illegally in handling funds de-posited by Ferdinand E. Marcos, the deposed Philippine president, according to government officials.

The government confirmed Thursday that the investigation had begun after lawyers for the Philippine government charged that some Swiss banks may have helped Mr. Marcos place the funds in secret, numbered accounts to obscure their origin.

Philippine officials contend that funds illegally acquired by Mr. Marcos could amount to as much as \$10 billion, much of it deposited in Swiss banks during the 20 years be ran the country. They are seeking to have the funds returned.

Attorneys for Mr. Marcos have filed about 40 appeals in Swiss courts to try to block Philippine A spokesman for the hanking

commission would not say what banks had been contacted in the investigation and declined to give further details. But Beat Hubscher, a spokes-

man for Credit Suisse, Switzerland's third-largest bank, said the bank had been asked several weeks ago for "information on certain points the banking commission asked about." "But I can't say more about it,"

Mr. Hubacher said. "It was just a request for some information."

A spokesmen for Union Bank of Switzerland, the largest Swiss bank, said that the commission had made inquiries several months ago, but added, "UBS is absolutely not involved in this case, and has never been mentioned in the context of Marcos funds."

Mitsubishi Plans Tokyo Action on Embezzlement

United Press International TOKYO - Mitsubishi Bank said Friday it would, after all, take action in Tokyo against a former executive charged with embezzlement in California.

Hirotsugo Mizuno, 44, a former senior vice president of Mitsubishi Bank of California, was charged Thursday in Los Angeles with embezzling \$44.9 million from the hank to play the stock market and cover gambling debts, and covering it up by creating nearly \$1 billion in phony loans.
Atsushi Masuda, managing

director of Mitsubishi Bank said the bank had not prosecuted Mr. Mizuno because the loss was about \$210,000, considerably less than in the U.S. indictments, and because he had pledged to repay the lost funds. But he said action would be taken at the Tokyo public prosecutor's office,

French 'Enterprise Zones' Attract Jobs for 1,000

By Jacques Neher Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - The first French venture into "enterprise zones" has attracted commitments to create more than 1,000 jobs in regions affected by the closing of one of the country's major

shipbuilders.

While most of the companies committing to start operations in the zones are French, offi-cials are optimistic that they soon will be able to attract a "second wave" of U.S., British and West German manufacturers to the three sites on France's north and south coasts.

Under the terms of the enterprise zone legislation, a company that starts manufacturing in a zone within five years will be exempted from paying the 45-percent corporate tax on profits for the first 10 years of its operation, as long as it employs at least 10 persons by the end of

three years.

Other benefits are available to companies establishing themselves just outside the desig-

Alain Madelin, the minister of industry, said Thursday that he had received "firm commit-ments" from 23 companies to create 1,031 jobs within the zones at Dunkerque, in northern France, and La Ciotat, near Marseille, over the next three years. Other firms have pledged to create almost 900 jobs at locations near the enterprise zones, be said.

The commitments are mostly from business es that will be started in the zones, Mr. Madelin said. He said the businesses are involved in a wide variety of fields, including coffee-roasting and the production of body-building products, dried flowers and microcomputer housings.

He said that a third site, at La Seyne on the Mediterranean coast, would be officially design nated as an enterprise zone "in a couple of days." That amouncement is expected to spark additional commitments to create jobs.

Mr. Madelin said at a press conference that the initial response to the enterprise zone program had convinced him that "we're going to succeed in the conversion of these sites." The enterprise zone program seeks to replace

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Alain Madelin. France's minister of industry

almost 7,000 jobs that will be eliminated as Chantiers du Nord et de la Méditerranée,

known as Normed, phases out its operations at the three sites by the end of 1988.

About 2,400 jobs already have been termi-nated as a result of the government's decision last July to stop subsidizing the privately held Normed operation. As a result of that decision, Normed filed for bankruptcy last summer. Unemployment in the regions around the

three sites exceeded 14 percent at that time, and legislation approving the zones was quickly approved by the government of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, a conservative, and signed by President François Mitterrand, a Socialist.

But the establishment of the program was held up by chiestons by the Furneer Comheld up by objections by the European Com-

that businesses representing industries already suffering from overcapacity in Europe would come to the zones, causing further damage to On Jan. 24, France agreed to prohibit from

the zones companies producing steel, ships, flat glass, artificial fibers and powdered milk. It also agreed to stop the program early if the 7,000 jobs lost in the Normed shutdown were replaced by new businesses before the five-year program expires.

The law already excluded from the zones businesses involved in construction, financial

However, businesses in service industries connected to the manufacture of a product, such as computer software companies, would be ac-Besides the tax advantage, a key part of the program consists of reducing red tape for par-

services, or commercial or retail activities.

ticipants. In each zone, a development commit-tee has been formed to provide applicants with "one-stop shopping" for all necessary permits and licenses. Other benefits include low-cost loans or grants to companies establishing them-selves just outside the designated zones. The law's benefits also are open to foreign companies, and officials have begun advertis-ing this month in business magazines in the

United States, Britain and West Germany in an attempt to attract businesses from those countries to the new zones.

Enterprise zone programs also have been established in Britain, Ireland and Belgium, and legislation to create them is being considered in West Germany, Austria and Italy.

Personal Spending Fell 2%, A Record, in U.S. Last Month

WASHINGTON - Americans, who went on a year-end buying spree in December, cut back on

reported Friday. The Commerce Department said the government began keeping mally was understating Americans' monthly records on incomes and tax liabilities. Many people have

The wide monthly swings were attributed to changes in the U.S. tax code that went into effect Jan. 1. Consumers rushed to buy automobiles and other major items in December while they could still deduct sales-tax charges.

revised downward from 0.8 per-But disposable, or after-tax in-

The big increase in this category also was attributed to the new law, income withheld from paychecks. But the department said that the

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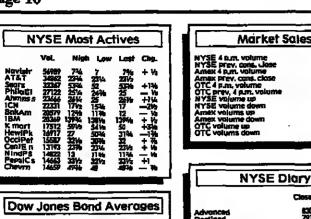
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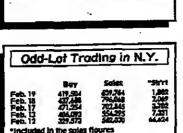
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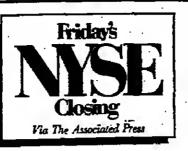
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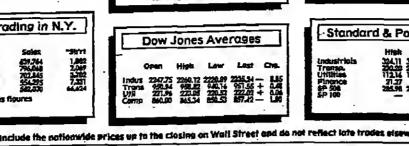
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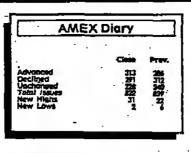




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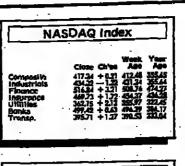
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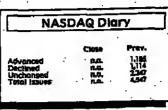
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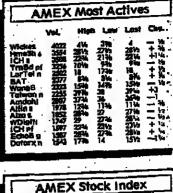


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NYSE Mixed in Active Trading

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange ended mixed Friday in active trading as investors took profits and sought stocks that have lagged behind the January The Dow Jones industrial average fell 8.85

points to 2,235.2 but advancing issues led de-clining ones by an 8-7 ratio. For the week, the Dow gained 51.89 points.

Profit-taking, especially among blue chip and technology issues, produced modest losses throughout the session. Investors, seeking stocks they believed looked undervalued, bought insurance and savings & loan issues.

Volume amounted to about 175.75 million shares, down from 181.53 million on Thursday.

Stocks of money-center banks proved the exception to the generally stronger performance On reports, later confirmed, that Brazil might

declare a unilateral postponement of interest payments on its debt, Bankers Trust fell 2½ to 48, Chase Manhattan dropped 1½ to 40½, Manufacturers Hanover slid % to 47%, J.P. Morgan lost 11/2 to 471/2 and Chemical New York eased 1/2 to 491/4.

Otherwise, trading presented "almost a classic case of consolidation," said Michael Metz. portfolio strategist at Oppenheimer & Co. Investors cashed in on Tuesday's sharp runup, but profit-takers were evenly matched by new buy-

The market bas ignored revelations about

U.S. arms sales to Iran, the fragile state of the international debt agreements and the U.S. government's investigations of Wall Street, Mr.

Analysts said trading slowed Friday as inves-tors stepped aside before this weekend's meeting of top central bankers and finance ministers

Mr. Metz said the Paris meeting could aid the bond market slightly; a more stable dollar might lessen the risk of holding dollar-denomi-

Wayne Nordberg, executive vice president and chief economist at Prescott, Ball & Turben, said in the last two or three weeks, stocks have "decoupled" themselves from the bond market He said the sharpest declines in long-term interest rates are over, that the economy is

able to produce "much better" profits in 1988. The higher profits will result from stronger industrial production and inventory building in 1987, Mr. Nordberg added.

experiencing a cyclical rise in inflation, and that

the manufacturing side of the economy will be

Broad market ganges were mixed. The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.06 to a high of 162.82. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index slipped 0.09 to 285.48. The price of an average share rose 2 cents. Nationwide turnover in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in stocks on regional exchanges and in the overthe-counter market totaled 207.64 million shares, compared with 211.96 million in the previous session.

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Piedmont Vetoes Norfolk Bid, Opens Door to Other Offers

Las Angeles Times Service NEW YORK - Piedmon1 Aviation Inc., the parent of Piedmont Airlines, bas invited new takeover offers after declining a bid from Norfolk Southern Corp. worth

After meeting at its headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina, the air-line's board said Thursday that a committee of outside directors was withdrawing its recommendation that Norfolk Southern's \$65-pershare cash offer be accepted.

The action followed a counter-proposal Wednesday by USAir Group Inc. of Washington. USAir, like Piedmont, is one of the few medium-size airlines that has not been acquired by a larger carrier.

USAir's latest bid, the third it has made for Piedmont, was valued at \$1.36 billion based on Piedmoot's 18.86 million common shares outstanding and involved the payment of some stock.

WASHINGTON - E.F. Hutton Group Inc. has said a federal grand jury is investigating whether a branch office in Providence, Rhode Island,

committed reporting violations relating to accounts held there in 1981 to 1984.

The parent company of the fifth-largest U.S. brokerage

firm informed the Securities

and Exchange Commission of

the investigation on Thursday.

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BancTexas and its member banks were in danger of failing, said Ste-phen Katsanos, an FDIC spokes-

BancTexas, which currently has \$1.3 billion in assets, would get \$150 million from the FDIC. Mr. Katsanos said.

the basis of the airline's fully diluted shares, it would be valued at

about \$1.6 billion. Piedmont has indicated, however, that it prefers an all-cash trans-action. Piedmont's stock was up 12.5 cents at midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange to

Levine Gets 2-Year Term, Fine for Insider Trading

WHITE PLAINS, New York Dennis B. Levine, a former manag-ing director of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., was sentenced Friday to two years in prison and fined \$362,000 for four criminal charges related to insider trading.

Mr. Levine had faced a maximum.

mum of 20 years in prison. He had admitted making \$12.6 million by illegally trading on stock informa-tion oot available to the public.

He said the bank also is expected to receive \$50 million from a stock offering that would be organized by the merchant banker Halwood Group Inc., which has offices in Cleveland and New York and spe-cializes in restructuring financially troubled companies.

The oews came as BancTexas announced a net loss of \$99.1 million for the fourth quarter of 1986. That compares with a net loss of \$24 million for the like 1985 quarter.

The stock offering which would be made to current BancTexas shareholders first, would amount to about 96 percent of the holding company's ownership.

The new capital would help cover past loan losses and provide a cushion against new ones, said Richard Ripley, BancTexas's presi-dent and chief executive officer.

For all of 1986, the company said its oct loss totaled \$134.4 million, compared with a loss of \$35.4 millioo the previous year. Mr. Ripley said the continuing

deterioration of the Texas economy and its affect on BancTexas's loan portfolios led to the depressed earnings report.

He said the company was forced to bolster its loan-loss provisions to \$115.1 million for 1986, compared with only \$43.5 million for 1985. In return for its contribution, the FDIC will receive rights to 10 percent of BancTexas' common stock over the next 20 years.

The plan is subject to approval by shareholders of BancTexas and

Fuji Joins Kodak With Disposable Cameras in U.S.

NEW YORK - Fuit Photo Film Co. on Friday followed Eastman Kodak Co.'s plunge into what the photo industry expects to become a major new market for throwaway cameras.

Fuji unveiled its 35mm Quick Snap, which it called "film with a lens." The tiny, disposable 24exposure color print film will sell for about \$10 when it be-comes available in the United States in the spring, Fuji said. Kodak unveiled its 110-format Fline on Thursday with B suggested list price of \$6.95. It will be 'available io the United States later this year. Kodak

A Fuji 110-format model has sold 1.5 million units in the six months since it was unveiled io Japan. The 35mm Quick Snap is a "oew, improved version," Paul Hudak, B Fuji spokesman,

Officials at Kodak and Fuji say heavy discounting by retail-ers will probably reduce the price of both cameras to as low

"I think this product bas merit," said Eugene Glazer, B photo industry analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. "Any pictures taken with a disposable camera are pictures that would oot have been taken

COMPANY NOTES **Hutton Branch**

Argyll Group PLC, the big British food and drinks group, has tentatively agreed to sell its U.S. drinks subsidiary Bartoo Brands Inc. for \$47.5 million to a Is Investigated new company controlled by Barton's chief executive. E.M. Goodman, who bolds 5 percent of Barton. Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Cle. Générale des Eaux, a French private water utility, said its 1986 provisional consolidated revenues rose 5.6 percent to 46.7 billion francs (\$7.66 billion), from 44.2 billion io 1985. Consolidated net profit is expected to show a more than 20 percent rise from 541 million francs in 1985, it said.

Drexel Bornham Lambert Inc. said that Staley Continental Inc.'s allegations that it tried to force Staley into an unwanted leveraged buyout are totally without merit. Staley filed a \$200 million suit against Drexel on Thursday.

Far East Consortium Ltd. asked the Hong Kong stock exchange to suspeed its shares from trading after a decision to issue 78.22 million new shares. GTE Corp. has received an \$870.6 million contract from the U.S. Army for work on a new mobile battle-

field communications system. Japan Air Lines has ordered three Boeing 747-300 and four 767-200 airliners, valued at a total of \$575 million. Boeing said. It said the orders brought the total number of orders for 767 aircraft to 218 and for

Kometsu Ltd., a Japanese construction machinery and industrial equipment manufacturer, said net prof-

it for the 1986 calendar year fell 40 percent to 13.5 billion yen (\$87.78 million), from 22.81 billioo the previous year. Sales edged up to 605.02 billion yen, from 599.59 billion. It blamed the profit fall on the effect of the rising yen on exports.

Mazda Motor Corp. said that oet profit for the year ended Oct. 31 fell 62 percent to 14.85 hillion yen (\$96.55 million), or 15.60 yen per share, from 39.53 billion, or 42.43 a share, a year earlier, although sales rose about 3.5 percent to 1.73 trillioo from 1.67 trillion. It said the fall in profit was mainly caused by the yen's rise against the dollar.

Mitsni Mining & Smelting Co. will set up a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary, Gecom Corp. in Greensburg, Indiana, to produce car-door locks. The company will be capitalized at \$1 million, and production, targeted at \$20 million a year, will start in early 1988.

Savin Corp., a Stamford, Connecticut, office-prodncts company, has reached an agreement that Ricoh Co. of Japan will extend until the end of 1995 its exclusive supply to Savin of liquid tooer copiers and nonexclusive supply of dry toner copiers for North American markets.

Thyssen Stahl AC, the steel subsidiary of Thyssen AG, plans to cut about 2,900 jobs at its Henrichshuette plant, which currently employs 4,700 people. It blamed a drastic reduction in the market for thick sheet metal.

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Dollar Dips Slightly as G-5 Issue Tempers Trading

NEW YORK — The dollar seesawed to close slightly lower on Friday in trading tempered by caution over weekend monetary meetings in Paris.

- In Europe, the dollar ended little changed in dull trading. As in New York, uncertainty ahead of the Group of Five and Group of Seven meetings kept most traders on the sidelines, dealers said.

In New York, the dollar closed at 1.8190 Deutsche marks, down from 1.8310 DM Thursday, and at 153.55 yen, down from 153.75. It fell back to 6.0580 French francs from 6.0965 and to 1.5363 Swiss francs from 1.5460.

The British pound also gained against the dollar, closing at \$1.5355 compared to \$1.5285 on

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Dealers said the market was pessimistic that the United States would commit itself at the weekend meetings in Paris to intervene to

stabilize the dollar. But many participants, feeling that the dollar could swing either way depending on the outcome of the discussions, were unwilling to be added, so the wording of a com-take any positions in advance of munique will require great care.

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In London, the dollar closed at pact. 1.8275 Deutsche marks, down from 1.8375 Thursday, and at 153.55 yen, down from 154.15. lt also dipped against the British pound, which closed at \$1.5290, up from

\$1.5255. The crucial point will be how the market decides to interpret what comes out of the meetings, a dealer said. The market is likely to want to test the firmness of any agreement,

Other dealers said it would take a Dealers in Europe said they ex-sected the finance ministers to is-vent the market from trying to push

sire for stability in the currency In announcing a half-point cut in markets. But they said they doubted that the ministers would agree to governor of its central bank. Sato-

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The Bank of Japan cut its discount rate after it became convinced that the G-5 nations would reach agreement on currency stability, he said, adding that the rate and they could be broad enough to currency reference ranges would bility, he said, adding that the rate not be contained in any G-5 or G-7 cut showed Japan's willingness to

cooperate on economic policy.

The Japanese rate cut was expected, and European monetary percent is effective Monday. The sources said the move was timed to take pressure off the participants at

That was probably the first virtually no impact, European step," a senior Frankfurt banker said. "I would guess that moving

> lion) cut in personal income taxes is scheduled to go into effect on Jan. 1, 1988. But there has been persistent speculation that the cut will be moved up to this year to try to enormous size and volatility of the boost West Germany's faltering

economic growth.

Bonn officials said Friday that an agreement on measures to calm currency markets is likely to emerge from the weekend gather-

A senior government official implied that West Germany is ready to accept "temporary cooperation

Bonn sources said that intensive preparatory talks for the Paris meeting have been going on since December. They confirmed that the meeting came about only after the prospect of a "sustainable result" was reached. But while there are already elements of agreement, areas of open dispute remain.

One such area may be the refer-

ence-zone concept, which was first proposed by France and later picked up by Mr. Baker.

- back toward the system of fixed exchange rates that prevailed from

the end of World War II until 1973. The actual zones are unlikely to be disclosed, official sources said, permit a further, but more orderly. decline of the dollar.

'We are ready to deal pragmatically with this issue, for the time being," one West German official said. "We are open for a temporary cooperation for stabilizing exchange rates."

The Japanese position appears to be far less accommodative. Mr. Sumita said Friday that ref-

erence ranges would not be part of any agreement on exchange rates reached over the weekend. The problem with reference ranges most frequently cited by leading monetary officials is the

round-the-clock, global foreign exchange market It is generally acknowledged that no government is powerful enough to stop the currency markets, which have an estimated volume of about \$150 billion a day. (Reuters, IHT)

30,600 Fords Recalled To Repair Wiper Fault

L'inted Press International DETROIT - Ford Motor Co. said on Friday it is recalling all 30,600 of its 1986- and 1987-model Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable station wagons equipped with an optional rear-window wiper, in order to modify the system.

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BRAZIL: Payment Freeze Planned

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Finance Ministry sources. Until last September, Brazil's monthly trade surplus was averaging \$1 billion. But low commodity prices, a decline in exports because of a bad coffee crop and a surge in imports reduced the surplus in December and January to less than

\$130 million a month. Analysts said a Brazilian moratorium, added to growing problems in other debtor countries, would shatter a growing sense of complacency over Latin America's four-

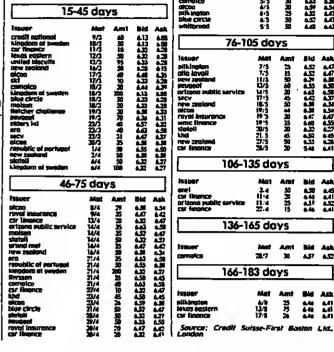
Last October's \$77 billion rescue package for Mexico, which including an unprecedented oil-price link, appeared to have brought the region's \$382 billion debt problem back from the brink, they said.

But Brazil's action is bound to have an impact on other debtor countries, such as Argentina, Venezuela and Ecuador.

Enrique Iglesias, Uruguay's foreign minister and coordinator of the Cartagena group of Latin American debtor countries, said that more of them would face payment problems. (Reuters, IHT)

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THE EUROMARKETS

New Zealand's Dollar Bond in Demand Despite Competition

LONDON — Eurobond trading was lacklus-ter Friday, as investors stayed firmly on the sidelines ahead of the weekend meetings in Paris of finance ministers and central bankers of the seven leading noncommunist industrial

nations, traders said The dollar-straight sector was broadly stable with investors waiting to see whether the sepa-rate meetings of the Group of Five and Group of Seven countries produced an agreement to

stem the U.S. currency's retreat "There seems to be divided opinion about possible results this weekend," one dealer said. Some people are all gloom and doom, nthers are pretty optimistic the dollar will bounce

Attention continued to focus on the primary market for dollar-straight bonds, where there

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Prices

NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. Via The Associated Press

Despite the recent supply of 10-year paper, New Zealand's \$150 million issue with a 10-year life found persistent demand. Lead man-aged by Credit Suisse First Boston, the offering pays 8 percent with a price of 99%.

"A nice coupon like this is psychologically the best way to hit this market," remarked one

The issue traded well inside its total underwriting fees of 2 percent, being quoted at a discount of around 1.42.

Friday's other dollar-straight issue was a \$175 million collateralized offering for Atlantic Financial Federal Association, due 1990 and paying 74 percent with a 1014 price.

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Lead manager Goldman Sachs International

Corp. reported steady demand from both Japanese and non-Japanese accounts, and the issue on a system of reference ranges to traded within its full fees at a discount of stablize exchange rates. around less about 1.

in the Euroyen market, the 150 billion yen of new bonds launched this week was proving difficult to place, dealers said, despite Japan's half-point cut to a 21/2 percent discount rate

Sales have been slow despite the high quality of the borrowers, dealers said.

One bond specialist at a Japanese bank said that Thursday's 50 billion yen issue for the World Bank, "with a tight coupon of 4% percent, is going to take some shifting. Despite some support, it's not even looking as attractive as more seasoned issues like the recent sevenyear Canada bond."

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The Life of J. Edgar Hoover

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N EUTRALITY about J. Edgar Hoover is diffi-cult. Many of those who lived through his years on center stage are convinced he was the devil

incarnate, an unscrupulous man who wielded enor-

mous power with reckless abandon. Many others,

however, are convinced he was an avenging angel

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This biography of Hoover left me thinking each view is half right. He was, at times, everything his

critics said - dishonest, malicious, prejudiced, pet-

ty and pompous. He was also, at times, brilliant,

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Richard Gid Powers, a professor of history at the

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City University of New York's College of Staten Island, may have caught the essence of this strange

for 48 years before his death in 1972. Powers has put

together a stunning tale of the rise and fall of an essentially tragic figure, a man of great abilities who at the end, isolated and alone, did not understand the country he had spent a lifetime protecting.

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His book is rich in detail (sometimes too rich) and sparse but sharp in commentary. It documents both triumphs and disasters. Hoover did build a magnificent investigative agency that stopped the crime wave of the 30s, eliminated sabotage during World War II, and broke the U.S. Communist Party and the Ku Klux Klan. That he sometimes lied, or stretched and broke the law, is also part of the tale, as are the decisions of his last decade, which almost

destroyed his beloved FBL Powers's thesis is two-pronged. The first is that most of the things Hoover did, good or bad, he did for the purpose of protecting the United States he loved. The second is that his America was always the America of his youth - defined as the middleclass Washington society into which he was born in 1895. In his United States, family and church were prominent, proper behavior was essential, obedience to authority was expected, love of country was paramount and blacks were an inferior servant class. (There were five black FBI agents in 1961, all providing personal services to the director).

This thesis goes a long way toward explaining — explaining, not justifying — the way Hoover responded to most of the major controversies he confronted. Those were many. They began with the internment of German immigrants during World War I; Hoover handled the paperwork and, inter-

estingly, was more sympathetic to the immigrants than were his superiors. They ended just six weeks before Watergate, which he may have provoked by refusing to have the FBI undertake all the spying the Nixon White House wanted. In between were the Red Scare of the '20s, the crime wave of the '30s, the Nazis, the Communists, the civil-rights movement and the peace movement of the '60s.

Hoover perceived in each of these a threat to the the United States he understood. He could not accept the possibility that good Americans might disagree. Powers's recital of the way Hoover handled these threats demonstrates how easy it was for the FBI to move from investigating organizations to trying to destroy them. It was these efforts, particularly against the civil rights and peace movements, that almost destroyed the FBI. Yet some of the same tactics had been used, and publicly acclaimed, against the Nazis, the Klan and the Communists.

Powers does not blame Hoover for all the FBI's misdeeds. He parcels blame out, some to various presidents and some, contrary to other versions, to illiam Sullivan, who ran the anti-civil rights and anti-peace programs.

Of the 10 presidents he served, Hoover was closson. It was Roosevelt who steered the FBI into

son. It was Rooseveit who steered the FBI into investigating political subversion, and it was Johnson who pushed Hoover into greater efforts against the wilder black-power advocates and anti-war demonstrators.

Hoover provided political intelligence to almost every president. He investigated the Navy League when it opposed President Hoover. He sent agents to the Democratic National Convention in 1964 to keep President Johnson informed of what dissident delegates were planning. On the other hand, Hoover opposed the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, telling his burean chief in San Francisco that "the army was getting a bit hysterical," and describing in 1943 the evacuation as being "extremely unfortunate."

This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the relationship between the U.S. government and its opponents, criminal or political, from World War I to Vietnam.

James E. Clayton, a former associate editor of The Washington Post who covered the Department of Justice in the 1960s, wrote this review for The Wash-

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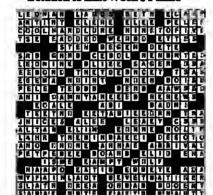


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Rockets Lose Poise, Game To Celtics

HOUSTON - The Boston Celtics have demonstrated again that they can handle the Houston Rockets in a pressure situation.

In a rematch of last year's National Basketball Association final, Boston led Thursday night by 2 points with less than four minutes to play. The Celtics then limited the

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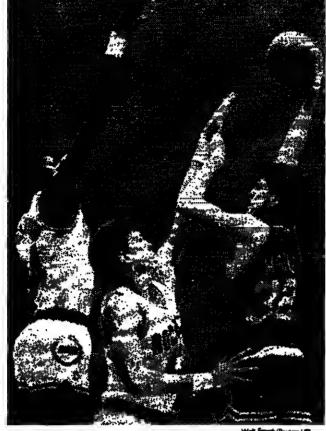
Rockets to 4 points down the stretch to record a 99-92 victory in a roughly played game.

"We're a very confident team," said Robert Parish, the Celtics cen-ter, who scored 30 points. "We've won a lot of games because of Parish and Kevin MeHale each

grabbed 12 rebounds, with McHale adding 21 points as the Celtics, who beat Houston 4-2 in last year's NBA final, swept the two-game series this season.

Houston, already without the inored All-Star forward Ralph impson, played without the All-Star center Akeem Olajuwon down the stretch as he picked up four

vantage of your mistakes."



Houston's Akeem Olajuwon, left, and Jim Petersen defend against Boston's Kevin McHale. The Celtics won, 99-92.

very good team and they take ad- lead to 2 four times before Parish clubs "was how they handled the left. The Rockets then could get no Olajuwon and (Jim) Petersen."

The Celties were ahead, 72-71, few free throws," said the Boston antering the fourth period. They strated," said Olajuwon, who had only 15 points with 11 rebounds.

"We made mistakes we normally don't make," he said. "They're a strated to 85-80 when only 15 points with 15 points with 15 points with 17 rebounds.

"They're a strategy were ahead, 72-71, few free throws," said the Boston guard Dennis Johnson.

Boston's Larry Bird, who suffered a cut under his right even the fourth period. They guard Dennis Johnson.

"Larry got stitches and Kevin antage of your mistakes."

and Danny Ainge hit back-to-back (MeHale) caught an elbow in the
Houston's coach, Bill Fitch, said shots to give the Celtics a 94-88 jaw," said K.C. Jones, the Celtics the difference between the two lead with less than three minutes coach. "It doesn't say much for

pressure. Akeem didn't play particularly well and he made some silly some bad shots and they missed a serve guard Steve Harris scored 22.

The Mets Emerge From Winter, Confident as Ever

By Joseph Durso New York Times Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida -For the first time since Jesse Orosco struck out Marty Barrett and wiped out the Boston Red Sox 15 days ago, there were New York Mets on a baseball field in uniform

They were the advance guard for spring training, and they sat under mpionship banners newly hung from the clubhouse rafters, they exercised in chilly morning breezes in new uniforms with wider shoulder stripes and they carried themselves with all the assurance of new winners. They also overheard Dave Johnson deliver his second annual forecast that the Mets would win again and "dominate" again.

"I said last year," the manager of the Mets recalled, sitting on a stoni beneath the flags, "that f expected us to win and, if we didn't, it'd be my fault. I'm saying it again. f expect us to win and, if we don't, it'il still be my fault.

"Nobody has to do any grea things. Wally Backman doesn't solid starting pitchers, and our team is even deeper than it was last year. If everybody has just a good year, we'll be very, very tough."

Tough, as in arrogant? The question hing over the rows of nest, empty lockers like the champion-ship banners of 1969, 1973 and 1986. Everybody wanted to know

Mets pitcher Jesse Orosco, right, and Cardinals pitcher Scott Holman run wind sprints at St. Petersburg, Florida.

now if they were marked men, have to hit home runs. Lenny Dykstra doesn't have to turn into a
home-run hitter. Gary Carter
home-run hitter. Gary Carter home-run hitter. Gary Carter and personal clashes that had em-doesn't have to hit 35. We have five broiled half a dozen of them off the hours life. "But it's history, it's

confidence. And confidence comes believe in blaming slumps on offfrom winning, and that's where scason problems, we're at. People always used to say "Some things we're at. People always used to say
the Mets were the hridesmaids evcry year. Well, we've eliminated
that."

"Some things happened during
the season that I didn't like," Johnson said. "I may check curfews

"We all know it's been an active over. I'm not looking for problems to crop up this season as a result of They can call it arrogance, if to crop up this season as a result of they want, "Johnson said. "I call it what happened this winter. I don't

guard. I'll talk to them collectively and individually. We need to avoid confrontations, even on the field. Last year, we were willing to con-front anybody. I'll talk to them about it. I hope we don't have any

fights this year. We don't need it." Lee Mazzilli, once the poster boy of the Mets, now is 32 years old. He was the senior member of the advance guard of 10 Mets who worked ont lightly Thursday, two days before the first formal work-out. Mazzilli considered his role on a team caught in some notoriety

and laughed and said:
"I'm like Father Flanegan on this team. This is my 12th training camp in the big leagues, and I'm a senior. But all that off-the-field stuff won't bother them on the field. There was no major catastrophe. If we were a last-place team, we wouldn't make headlines." Johnson, relaxed in a tan golfing

sweater, greeted his advance guard with handshakes and small talk. When he got around to surveying to the Phillies' camp in Clearwater, the first year in the reign of the Mets, he said things might be tougher this season than last (when Lefty has been down here they won by 211/2 games), but he

still expected them to win big over

A Few Baseball Questions

To Start Spring Training

he said. "But you've got to like the Phillies' explosiveness more than the Cardioals'. What were we against the Phillies? Eight and 10? We owe them."

■ Vida Blue Retires

Baseball's rites of spring formally began with nearly a dozen teams welcoming pitchers and catchers and the Oakland A's saying goodbye to Vida Blue, United Press faternational reported.

Blue, who signed with the A's last month after the Giants didn't offer him a contract, announced his hander ends a 15-year major-league career with a 209-161 record.

Among those pitchers hoping to continue their careers was Steve Carlton, who in 21 years in the majors has a 323-229 record.

Carltoo, a 42-year-old lefthander, spent last season with Philadelphia San Francisco and the Chicago White Sox. He was invited to the Phillies' camp in Clearwater.

throwing for two weeks." said the Phillies president, Bill Giles, whose "I like the Cardinals' pitching better than the Phillies' pitching."

Horse Racing's Debacle in Florida

By Andrew Beyer

HIALEAH, Florida - Horseplayers and horsemen who love midwinter Florida racing, and Hialeah io particular, resigned themselves long ago to the fact that the glory days of the sport here are

r. Because of inadequate purse of flamings probably would outmoney and competitive year-round oumber the out-of-state tourists. money and competitive year-round racing in other states, this never again will be the mecca for all of America's best horses and stables, mild compared to that of horse-But so what? Horseplayers are will- men. Although Hialeah and Gulfing to tolerate the frequently poor stream have been ideal proving level of competition because there grounds for 3-year-old classic prosis simply on more pleasant place to go to the track. Horsemen are will-leah stakes now would be useless as faces make this the best place to

train a horse during the winter. This season, however, many peoda Pari-Mutuel Commission.

before the commission to resolve of the Calder track. Said one memtheir annual fratricidal fight over ber: "I think if the purses are right, racing dates. Who would get the they'll run on whatever the hell the prime January-to-March "a.iddle surface is. They'd run em on gravdates" in 1988, and who would be el." When Stephens heard that, he left with the less desirable March-to-May late dates, when the Mi-\$3 million horse on gravel?"

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The commission awarded Gulfstream the middle dates, as expected, but stunned everybody by giving the late dates to Calder, long considered the area's No. 3 track. early January, when its population

The adverse reaction of racing fans to the proposed schedule was No trainers liked the idea of get-

ting ready for the classics on Calder's strange Tartan track. Woody ple at Hialeah have asked whether Stephens voiced the dilemma of the game here is oo the verge of other New York horsemen when he being wrecked. Thoroughbred rac- said he couldn't leave Belmont uning has been thrown into havoc oot til mid-December, so there was no by the feuding track owners, not by point going to Hialeah; he didn't the powerful dog-racing forces in want to run at Calder. Therefore. the state, but by the very people what was once a season in Florida charged with keeping the game was reduced to 50 racing dates at healthy: the members of the Flori-Gulfstream.

Members of the Pari-Mutuel Hialeah and Gulfstream came Commission shrugged off criticism

So, why did the commission do what it did? Basically, it was punishing Hialeah's owner, John J. Brunetti, for the way he has run his track when it has been assigned the late dates in the past. In the view of many people, Brunetti tries to have a lousy meeting in the spring so he can argue that Hialeah needs the late dates to survive.

Giving Calder the late dates might have been a useful slap on In years past, there always was a 41 years at Kentucky. hope that Gulfstream and Hisleah log to put up with the poor purses prep races because of their early had made a couple of reasonable need it for my resume anymore." offers that Hialeah rejected

"When I look back," said Gulfstream's president, Doug Donn, "f say, 'Hialeah, why did you let yourself get in this position?

Perhaps the complications could be resolved. The trainer Howard Tesher suggested letting the three tracks operate in British style: Hialeah would run 10 days, Gulf-stream 10, Calder 10, and the rotation would be repeated, enabling tracks to use their turf courses more often and making Florida the U.S. center of grass racing.

But this is probably too amicable a solution to appeal to the track owners in Florida. ft seems likely that the conflict will continue endlessly, to the detriment of fans, trainers and the tracks themselves.

A Big Winner at a Small-Time School

Broome College Coach Sets Record for Basketball Victories

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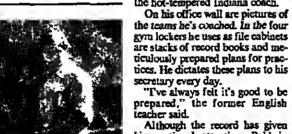
work f was given, I did a good job," Baldwin said. "It's a job commen-

BINGHAMTON, New York -Dick Baldwin carries an old photograph of a yellow Ford Pinto in his wallet, a reminder of the way things

are at Broome Community College. The car, a gift from a local dealer, was his for a mooth - uotil the school's president made him return it. Baldwin said it was the closest he ever came to a perquisite in 40 years of coaching at the junior col-

Last week, he treated himself to another perk — one that no one can take away: Baldwin, 65, put his name in the record books as the U.S. college basketball coach with the most victories. With victory Brunetti's wrist if its effects were No. 876 last Saturday, he passed limited to 1988. But they won't be. Adolph Rupp, who was 875-190 in

"I suppose they'll put an asterisk could resolve their differences and after my name because I was at a find a permanent solution to the two year college," said Baldwin, racing-dates dispute. Gulfstream who is 877-289. "That's OK. I don't



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And, he said, he doesn't care if thinks the remarkable thing about his coaching career is that in 40 years he's never missed a game. The closest he came was in 1955 when he was bedridden with a high fever.

"At the time I didn't have an assistant, so what could I do?" he surate with Adolph Rupp and Dean Smith and any other successasked. So he showed up and Baldwin, who looks and sounds watched Bernie (Bones) Bensen like "Tonight Show" host Johnny score 63 points and set a record Carson, is the first coach to have that still stands at Broome for most

he's only had two losing seasons -This is not what one would call a to persistence and a "good wife, ig-time basketball factory. good genes and good luck."

big-time basketball factory. Baldwin, for example, has had to raise money to pay for the team's vote his life to basketball and bus trips and his leading scorer this didn't pursue opportunities at larg-season. Wayne Hicks, sweeps the er schools because he enjoyed livgym before each game because

doesn't have the luxury of kicking erts, at an airport shortly after Owplayers off the team. ens had taken a Bohby Knight would not last in joh at Kansas. ens had taken an assistant coaching

On his office wall are pictures of mooths recruiting all over the the teams he's coached. In the four country, I never had any interest in gym lockers he uses as file cabinets doing that and working on basketare stacks of record books and me- ball year-round." Baldwin said. Right now Baldwin is more contices. He dictates these plans to his corned with what his grandson, e

prepared," the former English ing Rupp's record.

"He's probably not going to talk to me." Baldwin said. "But he'll get over it. He's only 6."

NEW YORK - A quiz - with tongue-in-cheek answers - for aseball's Hot Stove Leaguers: Montreal being a hilingual city, Expos Manager Buck Rodgers will try to win a pennant: b-In English.

Answer - a, b, c. • The Indians, rebuilding with a youth movement, have a new catcher this spring. He is: a-A rookie fresh from the minors.

b-A young sleeper picked up in a trade. c-Rick Dempsey, age 37. Answer - c. The Cardinals made so many offseason deals because:

c-In vain.

a-They finished 281/2 games out of first place. the basketball job at Broome, a points in a game.

Supporter school with an eurollBaldwin attributes his success b-The Mets made that big trade for Kevin McReynolds.
c-Last year's Joaquin Andnjar trade worked out so well it encoursped them to make more.

He said he never planned to de-

ing in Binghamton, He recalled once meeting Ted there aren't enough janitors. His He recalled once meeting Ted rules aren't that strict because he Owens, now coaching at Oral Rob-

this job," Baldwin said, referring to
the hot-tempered Indiana coach.
said he had spent the last five

secretary every day.

"I've always felt it's good to be wille, thinks about granddad hreak-

does that make MacPhail an inside trader?) • The Padres hired Larry Bowa as manager. That means: a-They could lead the league in victories. b-They could lead the league in managerial ejections.

The agent Tom Reich termed Philadelphia's million-dollar offer to catcher Lance Parrish "pathetically inadequate." Reich was: a-Making a relative judgement of Parrish's potential value mea-

Answer - None of the above. The Cardinals made no big trades.

b-It's getting hard to find people with nerve enough to take the joh.

Answer — Gee, that's an awfully tough one.

Giving up very little, the Twins strengthened their bullpen by acquiring Jeff Reardon, who had 35 saves for Montreal last year.
 Credit for this remarkable trade goes to:

b-The Twins general manager, Andy MacPhail.

Answer — Andy MacPhail. (But, since the Twins play in a dome,

Lou Piniella is still managing the Yankees because:
 a-George Steinbrenner didn't have the nerve to fire him.

sured against the potential value of other players.

b-Adopting a tough bargaining position to which businessmen are accustomed and in which they can do some direct dealing.

Answer - Let's hope c.

a-Ivan Boesky.

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Bobby Wadkins watches his putt on the 18th green.

B. Wadkins Shoots 66 in

United Press Intern LOS ANGELES - Bobby Wadkins, who has not won in 13 years on the PGA tour, fired a 5-underpar 66 Thursday and held a one stroke lead after the first round of the \$600,000 Los Angeles Open

one on the par-3, 238-yard (217meter) fourth hole, was tied for second with Larry Rinker at 67.

"I'm very tickled with the 66," said Wadkins, the younger brother of Lanny Wadkins, a 15-time winoer. "Once you get off to a good start in the wind, it seems to be easier to play in it."

five holes, despite slick greens and wind gusts above 20 mph (32 kph). He three-putted the 174-yard par-3 sixth hole and left a 20-font chip shot short on No. 7 for consec utive bogeys. He then moved to 5 under with birdies on the eighth, 10th and 11th holes, before finish-

NEW YORK — The sharks, ing in America is right here in this ensing bad blood, were out in building."

sensing bad blood, were out in force at the New York Yacht Club "Thank God it's back in the as Dennis Conner, the skipper who lost the America's Cup to Australia United States — that was the im-portant thing," said Bill Lynn, a in 1983, paid his first visit to the claiming the cup earlier this month - for the San Diego Yacht Club. If there were any residual ill feel-

ings over Conner's decision last year oot to help the New York duh get its silver status symbol back, he old racer from La Jolia, California, and the club spread so much soothyachtswoman of the year respecing repellent over the troubled waters Thursday that the most the tively, questions at the news confersharks could come up with at a ence repeatedly turned to his relanews conference were some warm tions with the club. words of mutual congratulation.

"If have tremendous respect for always have a part of the history of the traditions that are here," said yachting, and my guess is that will Conner, a member of both the New continue now and in the future,"

By Robert McG. Thomas Jr. York and San Diego clubs. "ObviNew York Times Service" ously, the founding father of yachtOusly the father of yachtOusly the

Conner, New York Yacht Club Kiss and Make Up

New York club member and president of the U.S. Yacht Racing Union, who insisted that the national effort to reclaim the cup overshadowed any regional rivalry. Although Conner, 44, had come to the Clah with J.J. Isler, a 23-year-

"The New York Yachi Club will

national, not club, property and was planning to take the trophy on a tour of America that would unlost to a foreign club. doubtedly include a layover at the New York club.

Lyan recalled how thrilled the New York delegation had been when Conner won the series earlier this month in Australia (in at least two of the races, he said, Conner's Stars & Stripes had sailed with a spinnaker supplied by the New York club's unsuccessful challeng-er. America II). He said the New York club would enthusiastically support San Diego in its defense of the cup in 1990 and beyond.

But Lynn conceded that New York club members missed the

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disgrace. To be returned to New

One yachting enthusiast who seemed to find all the America's Cup talk a bit boring was Isler. She and her crew member. Amy Wardell, who won the 1986 International Yachi Racing Union's world women's championships and the European women's championships in the 470 class, are in training for the 1988 Olympic Games, when the 470 class, a 16-foot planing boat, will make its Olympic debut with a separate women's division.

Asked if she would like to be the first woman to defend the Ameri-ca's Cup, Isler shrugged her shoulders and suggested she had more America's Cup and he acknowledged that the only way the club I'm racing oow," she said, "are could ever get it back was the same twice as fast as the f2-meters."

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Town With a Date Line

By Pauline Yoshihashi New York Times Service

NDIO, California - In this tiny desert town in the Coachella Valley, a date is more than just a passing fancy. From Feb. 13 through next Sunday, it is the raison d'être of the National Date Festival. With its Arabian Nights theme and county-fair atmosphere, the celebration offers visitors an excuse to watch ostrich and camel races, see the local beauty queen and sample dates in every conceiv-

"It's not as big as some fairs, but it's different," said Bill Arballo, a festival spokesman. An estimated 220,000 visitors will attend this

Despite the lighthearted nature of some of the events, Indio clearly takes its dates seriously. The Coachella Valley, which promotes itself as the commercial date-producing capital of the Western Hemisphere, produces about 90 percent of all dates grown outside of the Middle East and Africa

Local growers harvest about 5,900 tons annually. The 5,000 producing acres bring in more than

Adding Rhyme To Bus Rides

WASHINGTON — The government is awarding a \$64,420 grant to subsidize poetry reading by millions of American

bus passengers.
The National Endowment for the Arts, an independent federal ncy, gave the money to the Winston Network of San Francisco and New York to belp the national transportation advertising company finance posters of contemporary American poetry for its "Streetfare Journal" feature series on metropolitan bus systems.

The endowment-supported posters will appear soon alongside advertising placards in buses in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Miami. Dallas, San Francisco and Oakland, Calif.

The endowment said its grant will provide an honorarium for poets contributing to the project, support quality graphic designs and help cover costs of printing. \$30 million yearly to this sliver of desert, about 130 miles east of Los Angeles near Palm Springs.

Yet growers, retailers and festival organizers realize that many Americans are indifferent to dates. Part of the problem, according to partisans, is that many people have

not eaten good quality dates. The growers here produce more than 30 varieties - each with its own texture, color and shape. Two varieties, the honey-colored Deglet Noor and the tender Medjool, account for most of the crop. "This is the Rolls-Royce of

dates," said Randy Whiting as he handed a visitor a plump, fresb Medjool. Whiting operates John Scott's, a date store, This is real creamy, real rich,"

said Richard Galt of Phoenix as he sampled a Medjool. "I never ate them because they look like prunes, but this is real good."

"We need to educate people about dates," said Shirley Butvi-das, an officer of California Women for Agriculture. "Our children are not educated to eat dates, even though they're very good nutrition-

Dates, a diet staple in many Middle Eastern cultures, contain about calories each as well as potassium, thiamine and other nutrients. For those who find the natural date less than appealing, dates also come creamed, chopped and mac-

paste, crystals and sugar, not to mention date balls, butter, chips and powder. Dates are also served in pies, cookies, pastries and cakes, and are stuffed with creamed cheese, peanut butter and other fill-

The most famous date product is the date shake. Russell Charles Nicoll, inventor of the icy concoction that attracted countless travelers to his roadside stand, died last month at the age of 90.

The first date crop was planted here at the turn of the century after efforts to transplant the trees in other states failed. Commercial palms are taken from the offshoots of existing trees, and are hand-pollinated when they reach maturity after four years. Female paims may produce as much as 300 pounds of fruit a season. Date growers say the fruit will keep for more than a year in the refrigerator, and can be stored in the freezer for five to 10

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Encounters With 'The European Tribe'

By Warren Getler

ONDON — When Caryl Phillips returned to London recently from a visit to his Caribbean birthplace, be was shocked to see a photograph of himself in the Sunday Express with the caption racist" in bold type.

Phillips, a 28-year-old Oxford-educated black author and a British citizen, had sensed that his new book, "The European Tribe," was going to spark con-troversy. Essentially a travelogue of a year's journey across Europe, the book traces Phillips's encoun-ters with a continent that "has chosen either not to see black people, or to judge us as an insignificant minority, or as a temporary but dismissible mistake."

When I saw that picture of me in the Sunday Express with the one word 'racist,' Phillips said in his apartment in the Shepherd's Bush neighborhood of west London, "I thought I must have been suffering from jet lag."

The Sunday Express, a conservative mass-circulation newspaper, describes Phillips's book as a "sour, warped, racist, anti-white, anti-British diatribe." Hostile reaction to the book, published by Faber and Faber, did not stop there. "I had five radio interviews the next day," Phillips said. "The first call-in question on one of the shows was: Why don't you darkies go back to where you came

Other reviews bave been kinder. The Times of London said that, although "not perfect, The European Tribe' is not only an engaging book but also a moving

For Phillips, the fundamental problem, as he depicts it in the book, "was, if I was going to con-tinue to live in Britain, how was I to reconcile the contradiction of feeling British, while being constantly told in many subtle and unsubtle ways that I did not belong." Phillips was brought to En-gland in 1958 by his parents from the island of St. Kitts; 24 years later he set out across Europe, from Spain to the Soviet Union, and found subtle and unsubtle racism on the way.

The author of two well-received



Caryl Phillips, a travelogue of subtle and unsubtle racism.

novels set in the Caribbean, he said he did not want his latest book to be dubbed "radical." in the genre of Eldridge Cleaver or other fiery American black authors of the 1960s and early "The book wasn't conceived to be deliberately provoca-tive, but to reflect the truth, and the truth demands to be heard."

The book does not set out to catalogue racism scientifically, nor does it look only at racism aimed at blacks. The "victims," whether Turkish workers in Germany, or Jews in Eastern Europe, are people who are rejected by the society into which they are born, or to which they provide their labor. Racism is not the only problem; it goes hand in hand

with ignoran It is difficult to find a thesis in such an anecdotal book. If there is one, it is perhaps that Europeans are trapped by what Phillips calls a false history, "in which whites civilize and discover, and the height of sophistication is to sit in a castle with a robe of velvet and a crown, dispensing order and jus-

While be sympathizes with oth-

er minorities, in the end Phillips feels the blacks are the ones truly left out. But, then, among the blacks he meets, there is often no sense of solidarity or even com-One of its most moving pasmunication. In Norway he was accosted in a bar by a drunk Eritrean, "who informed me that I

must not stay in Europe too long, as I would just get old and be pointed out as an 'old nigger." In his travels, Phillips was attracted to places that are divided: Berlin, Ireland, He watched African students in Moscow, and wondered what the West did so wrong that it drove them to that freezing city.

The most memorable confron-

tation with racism occured when Phillips was taken aside by Norwegian customs officers and interrogated about how much money he had in his bank account, and whether be was carrying cred-it cards. The white passengers were let through without prob-lems. Ironically, Phillips was making his way to see Desmond Tutu, the South African archbishop, receive the Nobel Prize from

the Norwegian government. The book does not focus nar- provided.

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rowly on racial prejudice. Much of it is devoted to observations of everyday life in cities as diverse as Amsterdam and Warsaw.

sages is the author's meeting with James Baldwin, the American black author who has lived for years in a southern French village. "I had never before noticed how lonely Jimmy was . . . his quiet conversation was so saturated with references to his past . that I realized that he needed to be alone with someone who could relate fully to all the nuances of his predicament, past, present

and future." While the book's unconventional organization is part of its appeal, it can also leave the reader perplexed. Passages are often thin, and editorial comments not always substantiated.

Referring to racism in France as "appearing more widespread than at any time since the Algerian War of 1954-62," the book states: "Blacks and Arabs are being shot almost weekly by the National Front and other neofascist groups." No evidence is

Most sharply focused is the author's examination of his status in Britain, the last leg of his journey, and home to about two million blacks. "Britain did not seem that different from the rest of Europe," he writes. "It appeared to me now, even more so than before my departure, indivisible from the rest of Europe and exclusive in its attitude toward me.

"The fact is that most white Britons do not know a black person, let alone what one might want. They dare not imagine that black people might be just like them and want economic and political power, for that would be too bitter a pill to swallow and a sign of audacious ingratitude." At home in London, Phillips said that of all the barbs thrown at him recently the one that has

netrated most was a review in the British press that called him merateful.

"The problem a black kid has growing up in Britain is lack of role models. It bothers me enormously that there are more than 600 members of Parliament and not a single black among them." However, he expects several black candidates to be elected to Parlia-

ment in the next general election.
"A lack of confidence is at the heart of hlack society in Britain," he went on. "What I like most about black America is that it's one through its rite of passage. Black Americans believe they have every right to become presi-dent or the chairman of General Motors."

Phillips was raised in predomi nantly white working class neighborhoods in Leeds and Birmingham. His father was a rail worker and his mother worked on the buses. Told by his schoolmaster that he did not stand a chance of getting in to a British university, Phillips nevertheless went on to Oxford, where he graduated from The Queen's College with 8 degree in English literature.

It was at Oxford that he met a black American from Watts in Los Angeles, several years older and very much into Black Consness. And it was ultimately a trip to the United States that made Phillips realize it was possible to be black, and a writer.

PEOPLE

Search of Ailing Leader By Quntas Is Criticized

Foreign Minister Bill Hayden of Australia on Thursday criticized a body search by Quantas Airways personnel of Prime Minister Walter Lini of Vanuatu. The leader of the Pacific island republic was recoperating from a stroke he suffered in the United States and was in a wheelchair when searched Wednesday in Honolulu before boarding a flight, Hayden said. Qantas, Australia's national carrier, stood by its action, saying it searches all passengers. "There are no exceptions," said Ken Boys, an airline spokesman. Lini, 42, who is an Anglican priest, was accompa-nied to the flight by several U.S. officials. "I should have thought there would have been more than enough evidence of the standing and of the secure nature of the passenger," Hayden said.

"It seems very vivid to me," John H. Glenn Jr. said, recalling the day years ago when he became the first American to orbit the Earth.
"I guess it was etched in my memory rather indelibly." Glenn, a former Marine lighter pilot and now a U.S. senator from Ohio, talked to reporters next to his Mercury space capsule at the National Air and space Museum on the eve of the silver anniversary of the Feb. 20, 1962, flight of Friendship 7. Glenn, 65, said he is ready for another space flight. "Twe already told NASA that when they get around! to doing their geriatric studies, I'm's No. 1 in line and don't forget it."

James Jack, a wealthy Scottish businessman who commissioned criminals to steal works of art, was jailed for eight years Thursday. The police said they found Jack's home near Edinburgh filled with stolen paintings, silver, jewelry and furni-ture worth £400,000 (more than \$600,000). A televised film of the haul brought calls from all over Scotland from people who said they had been burglarized as long ago as 1969. At Edinburgh High Court, Jack, 47, admitted 36

charges of receiving stolen proper-ty. Judge Lord Sutherland said be couldn't understand why Jack did it when he had the money to buy the art. Prosecutor Colin MacAulay said Jack had one home burgled three times, getting a watercolor by the American artist James Whistler and one by Sir John Millais.

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